

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40) date: 11/7/58

FROM : [REDACTED]

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October 28, 1958

On Monday, October 27, 1958 at 8:00 P.M. in apartment [redacted] Bronx, N.Y. a meeting of a Bronx Communist club was held. The chairman was [redacted]

The meeting was conducted in approximately the following fashion:

[redacted] introduced the newest communist members [redacted] to the other communist members present. She also gave a short speech saying that all present were glad to have them as members and that they were chosen from six candidates. She concluded by saying that she hoped that [redacted] would be good for the party and that the party would be good for them.

[redacted] F, W, age [redacted] eyes-wore glasses, collected monthly dues from some of the members. For employed members the dues are \$1.00 a month and for unemployed members the dues are \$.50 a month. She also asked several members about pledges that they had made ([redacted] had pledged \$15.00, [redacted] had pledged \$50.00).

[redacted] had five copies of a 66 page booklet entitled, "Political Affairs" which she said was the official publication of the Communist Party. It is a monthly publication and the cost is \$.35. She sold the five copies (October 1958 issue). She also said that the Communist Party wanted each of its members to submit suggestions to it which would help to strengthen it. She gave a Manhattan, N.Y. address to which the suggestions should be mailed.

[redacted] started to read a leaflet announcing the Harvey O'Connor affair of October 31, 1958 at the Allerton Communist Center, 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. but he stopped and gave it to [redacted] to read to the members as he, [redacted] had a sore throat.

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[] read the leaflet which announced the time of the affair, the place, etc. [] urged all of the members to make the affair a success by attending and getting others to attend.

[] gave a verbal, unwritten, theoretical report on the Communist Party. He gave its history from approximately 1900 on. He told of its struggles, ideals, growth and aims. After relating how the Communist Party works in theory, [] mentioned those elements in the party called the "Ultra-left." These are communist members that are deviating from the party line. They refuse to abide by party decisions, they do not do things for the masses of the working class but for small groups, they advocate violent overthrow of the government. He stated that such members do not belong in the party nor do such opinions.

[] gave a verbal, unwritten report on the County (Bronx) Committee of the Communist Party. She said that the Bronx County Committee wants to go back to the old system of dividing the Bronx, and other areas, into sections so that there would be greater efficiency and coordination among the communist clubs. She stated that the Bronx would be divided into four sections, that in this section there would be three clubs and perhaps the Prospect Club, that the Section leader "of this section would be []" that there will be the greatest concentration of club building in the S.E. Bronx as that section of the Bronx has the greatest concentration of negroes and Puerto Ricans. She said that the Bronx County Committee wanted the opinion of the members present on their suggestion. The members present voted for the suggestion. Lee also stated that [] had been expelled from the Communist Party because of his ultra-left position.

Discussion on the November elections took place. [] stated that the party line is to vote only for Corliss Lamont and the only Negro candidate running on a state-wide ticket (Machen?). If a vote is cast for Governor, vote for Harriman.

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[redacted] stated that he had been in the Youth March to Wash., D.C. on October 25, 1958. He said that President Eisenhower had refused to appear.

During the meeting [redacted] stated that [redacted] was unable to attend the evening's meeting.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 10, 1958 at 8:00 P.M.

Those present were:

[redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 11/12/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED AND SENSITIVE INFORMANT.

On 10/14/58, NY 2359-S* reported that a meeting of leading CP functionaries was held on above date in the third floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to the informant, those in attendance were EUGENE DENNIS, ROBERT THOMPSON, JACK STACHEL, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, BEN DAVIS, JR., and ARNOLD JOHNSON. EUGENE DENNIS acted as Chairman. The meeting opened with remarks concerning the draft statement drawn up by JACK STACHEL concerning factionalism.

The following are the highlights and most important statements made at the above meeting as reported by NY 2359-S*.

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
(1-100-3-88)(CP, USA-Factionalism)
(1-100-428575)(Independent Socialist Party)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-)
- 1 - New York (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-27452)(ROBERT THOMPSON)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS, JR.)(#7-6)
- 1 - New York (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-87211)(CP, USA-Factionalism)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-135320)(Independent Socialist Party)(#7-3)
- 1 - New York (100-50090)(SID STEIN)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-50806)(GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY)(#7-6)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)(CP, USA-Membership)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-136078)(Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-25780)
- 1 - New York (100-89691)(CP, USA-Domestic Administration Issues)(#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80640)(CP, USA-Negro Question)(#7-5)
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Remarks of ROBERT THOMPSON

Informant advised that THOMPSON utilized the added security of the blackboard and commented "we" have factual knowledge only of these people at the present time... Now on this one here we have no confirmation... There is strong circumstantial (evidence?), but we do not have any confirmation of (facts?).

We have one other report that [redacted] (SID) STEIN, (GEORGE BLAKE) CHARNEY are working together and there is no big difference of "policy within that frame work." That is about the size of it.

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Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

"I" have a host of suggestions on the question of mounting (tension?). "I" think there should be further discussion...a few additional comments concerning the resignation of...STEIN and his (committee?).

Informant advised that there was general discussion concerning the draft statement drawn up by JACK STACHEL with regard to the question of factionalism.

Remarks of ROBERT THOMPSON

THOMPSON stated that in his opinion the statement "spells out" to some extent the line of the "dogmatist groups," but neglects to do the same regarding the "revisionist groups." He said that what "we" want to "drive home" is the fact that the Party is in the process of pulling out of "its internal situation" and arriving at the point of operating... THOMPSON indicated that this should be put in the first paragraph or so of the statement.

Continuing, THOMPSON remarked that in the past the two dangers have been along the lines that the "revisionist" danger is sort of secondary...an outgrowth. "I" would like to see us in our statement...to begin to prepare the ground for that.

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According to the informant, THOMPSON referred repeatedly to STACHEL's draft and pointed out points of differences that he had concerning it.

Remarks of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

"I" was going to propose that there be two documents, one for "The Worker" because the trouble with this statement is that it is too long. If you want to print it in "The Worker" it is too long and for "Political Affairs" it is too short. I would like to see it elaborated and strengthened.... "I" am inclined to agree with what GENE (DENNIS) suggested that is not to over emphasize the 16th Convention. Everyone of these groups is hanging on to the 16th Convention... We are going to have to depart (from?) it as a result...

Remarks of BEN DAVIS, JR.

DAVIS opened his remarks and said that he agreed with FLYNN regarding the statement for "The Worker" and "Political Affairs." He said that "we" should say flatly that this is the time in the Party to face the rebuilding the Party and the whole question of reconstruction, reorganization, and re-establishment... Now "I" think that the Party expects that and gives us a sort of "goal."

"I" think that it is necessary to say that they (revisionists) have been ideologically defeated and they have now degenerated into an anti-Party faction bent on preventing the Party from re-establishing itself... bent upon destroying the morale of the Party... "I" think that the DAVIS campaign has to be singled out especially.. He indicated that the campaign had lifted the morale of the Party. When we speak now of...our Party fighting revisionism we have to look upon the fact that we should have been doing this a long time ago...

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

Informant advised that STACHEL interrupted DAVIS by saying that they should not confuse the issue...

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Remarks of BEN DAVIS

Informant advised that DAVIS indicated that the leadership should be self critical. He said there are many questions which will have to be undertaken and decided at the forthcoming convention. He said that "we" must be cognizant of the fact that many comrades in the Party are expecting much more from our leadership than we have given them...

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

DENNIS indicated that he was reluctant to consider the proposed expansion of the draft. He suggested that the document be concise and commented that the shorter it is, the comrades might accept it in its (entirety?). DENNIS said that "we" should be very tactful and not let any particular forces appear as the champion... He recommended that the document should go to the members of the NEC very quickly.

Remarks of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

When "I" say I want a long statement, a longer statement, I say it merely from the point of view of elaborating on things that need elaboration in this statement. It isn't that I do not agree with the statement or that I would not go along with BEN (DAVIS?) on some of these things... I want to state my position. I gave my reasons at the last meeting... Informant advised that BEN DAVIS then interrupted to remark that he (DAVIS) had made his position clear at the last meeting.

Continuing, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN then referred to the 16th Convention and commented that certain things had changed. She said that "we" need to discuss first what we agree on and what we don't agree on because it is very difficult for JACK (STACHEL) or anyone else to try to get a collective statement on the discussion...

As far as I am concerned I would just as soon see a statement in "The Worker" of a couple of paragraphs...

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Apparently we have to go back and discuss what we do agree on. What is our basis of agreement and what is our basis of disagreement. I would like to talk about it some more. I don't know...what BEN (DAVIS) thinks about how the Party members react. I don't know, perhaps I don't meet the same Party members that he meets. I don't get much chance to meet the Party membership in New York. I met members all over the country, but I don't get a chance to meet members in New York.

FLYNN commented that a lot of people can be brought back into the Party. She said that she was for setting up a committee of (100?) that would have no other job to do but this job of seeing people who have drifted away from the Party... I would go back to our original proposal at our first meeting. We proposed an open letter...a sort of challenge and appeal to our members to stand by this Party and to reject these two groups... This original action was never carried out. I think we can all agree on an open letter that would be a clarion call to our members to rally, to suggest these things in no uncertain terms...reject these desperate factionalists who are trying to bust up our plans. That kind of thing would satisfy me more than this.

With regard to self criticism, with due regard to BEN (DAVIS), I don't think we need self criticism... You know I have been in the national set up a long time and I will tell you the truth, I never did hear self criticism. We were always ready to criticize the other fellow...

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

"I" can't make up my mind whether we are ready for this discussion... I think that when we make a decision we should carry it out. If we don't you should know why it was not carried out. That is one of the first things that we have to do at this time. If we all have something on the agenda it is for the purpose of acting and if a decision is made it should be recorded. If it isn't carried out it should be explained why it was not carried out.

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My opinion was when I came into this building this was to be a statement of about 2000 words and I have extracted exactly half. We don't have to give an explanation of why these people do what they do. STACHEL said that he was not unmindful of the fact that there were weaknesses. He said they would have to show and give direction that we are not where we have everything solved.

"I" think I did underestimate revisionism not only internationally, but within the country itself. Informant advised that STACHEL further commented that he was extremely busy in other matters and recommended that a special subcommittee be set up to revise the draft.

Remarks of ROBERT THOMPSON

I think what we have here are just (normal?) problems... I don't think that we have any kind of basic differences. It is inevitable that with such a round of discussion that various comrades should approach these questions a little differently. That is normal. That makes it possible to arrive at some kind of collective agreement... THOMPSON then referred to the ultra-left and left sectarianism commenting that with regard to the question he raised, what he was trying to do was to inject more strongly the characterization "dogmatists." He said there are other elements with this group that is not strictly under the heading of "dogmatism," although I do think that the main political and theoretical character of the group is (founded?) along the line of the dogmatists. They just refuse to recognize any change that has taken place in the world in the last 30 odd years. THOMPSON stated that in his opinion that they do need an open letter (to the membership), but added that it would not be a good substitute for the type of propaganda treatment in "Political Affairs." He recommended that a committee of two or three should work on the draft to prepare it for the next meeting. THOMPSON said that he would consider it disastrous if it doesn't get into this issue of "Political Affairs." He said that they should stick with the draft and come out with a very positive

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statement... THOMPSON said that all changes with respect to the draft will be discussed at the next meeting and also substitutions should be submitted in writing... He recommended that they accept the treatment as a basis with the proviso that the changes come up for discussion and decision at the next meeting by vote.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

"I" am opposed to this amendment... I am quite willing to accept this as a basis for a three man committee to try and edit it for discussion.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

We have to have some starting point...

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

"I" want to make an amendment...set up a subcommittee to redraft the statement on the basis of our discussion... I know we have no agreement yet..., but I am convinced that it will be a long time before we have a statement...

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

DENNIS commented that it was of the utmost importance that they all agree...no matter how difficult it is. DENNIS recommended that a subcommittee be ready to prepare a statement by Friday. DENNIS indicated that he was not able to work on the draft himself. He said they should involve someone who can incorporate some of the ideas, improve the English a little bit, and get to work on it. Informant advised that DAVIS recommended the subcommittee would consist of GENE (DENNIS), ELIZABETH (FLYNN), and BOB (THOMPSON) to work as a committee to revise the statement by Friday, (10/17/58).

Informant advised that the next point of discussion was the possible removal from the ballot of the Independent

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Socialist Ticket. DAVIS stated that the IST has appealed the ruling and that it is possible that this question will not be decided much before the election. He said that if they throw out the ballot that leaves us with no peace candidate... DAVIS commented that he was working on an article concerning the Party's over all election policy.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

In regard to BEN DAVIS' campaign, I think that some kind of struggle would help the campaign. He said that forces have to be concentrated on an organized basis instead of in a hit and miss manner. Continuing, STACHEL stated that on November 1st and 2nd, there should be a special mobilization. He said with regard to (CORLISS) LAMONT they have waited too long and indicated that there should be some kind of a definite statement. "I" don't know if you comrades know that there is a sharp struggle between the Trotskyites and LAMONT. LAMONT issued a ten point peace program and in the last issue of the Trotskyite paper they attacked all of that. This is all the more reason why "we" should support this peace program that LAMONT has brought forward.

Remarks of ROBERT THOMPSON

The thing that worries me in BEN's campaign is that I don't think anything is being done in regards to the (petition?). Informant advised that DAVIS interrupted by commenting that something is being done in that regard. Continuing, THOMPSON stated that the ruling of DAVIS off the ballot was a sharp blow and did result in a let down in the campaign. He said another thing is that "we" cannot have an election ballot that turns exclusively on the Harlem campaign... It seems to me that we have to search for and get on at least a couple of things that can be done between now and election day... We have to try for something along the lines of say a delegation that will call on all the gubernatorial candidates, particularly on HARRIMAN and ROCKEFELLER and make demands... We have got to

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show some visible attempt to mobilize public opinion and to influence the candidates. They (go?) with a different approach towards HARRIMAN than they have toward ROCKEFELLER. We should try to get a few congressional districts where we have delegates go that are publicized, placing certain demands before the candidates. We should get one state wide leaflet out on our general electoral policy.

In other words those are the things within the limits of our capacities. Our capacities are somewhat limited. We should pick out two or three things that can be done, that can be properly publicized and that can symbolize the Party's activities on a general electoral line in addition to the Harlem campaign.

Now with respect to the Socialist Party...the Independent Socialist Party I think that BEN is correct in not jumping to conclusion that the Party is going to be off the ballot, but it does seem to me that the probability exists that it will and that we have to think along these lines.

THOMPSON commented that if the Independent Socialist Party is ruled off the ballot, there isn't much that can be done with LAMONT, THOMPSON adding that he did not think that LAMONT would go in for a write in campaign. Maybe we could find some way to get a state wide radio broadcast...using your candidacy (DAVIS) as the pretext for it.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

Let me ask a concrete question. What do you (intend?) to tell voters in the gubernatorial election.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

"I" ^{will} tell them that it is necessary to have an independent form of political action...a third, Party anti-monopoly coalition. On the issues, the first one is peace... This is the way that I have been doing it.

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Remarks of JACK STACHEL

Well I will tell^{you} what I am going to tell them tomorrow night. He then referred to the "millinery group" which he said belongs to the union. Now in this election we know that your union has endorsed HARRIMAN, the mass of the workers undoubtedly will vote for HARRIMAN. The least you (feel?) is that the workers will not give HARRIMAN a land slide. The local unions will move to call upon the leaders to demand that HARRIMAN take certain stands on this and that, and you are going to tell him further that your Party was repudiated by the DE SAPIO machine. The least you should do is to tell the workers to register a protest vote and a peace vote for LAMONT and if you live in Harlem you can vote for DAVIS...

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

Informant advised that DENNIS commented that they should try to get a few people of left persuasion to address an open letter to HARRIMAN as well as to HOGAN.

Remarks of ARNOLD JOHNSON

JOHNSON stated that in the Harlem campaign BEN has played a very unique role. A candidate is important, but in this instance, I think BEN assumes a different kind of importance. JOHNSON stated that there was another factor with relation to the Party which they have to watch carefully and that was the Negro people's movement as a whole. He said that "our Party" has more attraction for the average Negro than the Moslem movement has. He indicated that the Party in Harlem has some very difficult situations. He then referred to the possibility of having a petition and recommended that it be done by going from house to house, setting up booths on street corners, and the like. He said that with regard to a write in campaign, 500 votes would be a lot and this would not represent what has been done. He said that a mass petition campaign would indicate more accurately DAVIS' following. He said that in the course of the petition campaign we are able to start to recapture a certain strength of Party membership... It will be more important for us to get the signatures

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on the petition and then instead of explaining to them how to write in...we can spend time with them talking about how to subscribe to "The Worker."

Informant advised that EUGENE DENNIS then referred to an independent committee who apparently wants to run an ad in the paper concerning (CORLISS) LAMONT and his program. DENNIS said he was of the opinion that they should run this ad and that "we" do not have any objections. Informant advised that the last point discussed by DENNIS was that he had received a communication from ABE MAGIL requesting the NEC to withdraw its criticism of him (MAGIL). DENNIS said that he is willing to accept "censor", but that if the NEC did not withdraw its criticism, he was going to appear before the next meeting of the National Committee. DENNIS said that he would propose that the NEC reaffirm its previous decision. Informant advised that all present agreed with DENNIS' proposal that the NEC reaffirm its decision regarding MAGIL.

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SAC, New York (100-80638)

October 29, 1958

Director, FBI (100-3-4)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reurlet 10-9-58.

A review of relet reflects that your office is continuing to achieve positive results in the identification of additional members of the Communist Party. Such information is, of course, most encouraging to note. While great strides have already been made, sight must not be lost of the fact that much additional work remains to be accomplished. In this regard, it is noted that while you have positively identified over 60 per cent of the estimated 3,117 Party members within your territory, this still leaves nearly 40 per cent of this estimated total representing approximately 1,200 individuals who are current members of the Communist Party but concerning whose identity we are unaware.

With further regard to relet, you are advised that in the future, it will not be necessary to set forth any additional revisions to your letter of 2-7-58 in which you set forth a complete organizational breakdown of the Party in your territory since this detailed information will be readily available in your office in the event the Bureau has a need for it.

It is felt, however, that a clearer picture of the over-all results being achieved by you in this program will be portrayed if additional statistics are utilized in your subsequent progress letters. It is noted that at present your progress letters set forth certain over-all statistics as reflected on page 1 of relet. Hereafter, it is desired that these same statistics also be set forth for each of the major Party breakdowns in your area, for example, Bronx County, Kings County, Industrial Division, etc.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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In the event you have any observations indicating that the completion of such statistics would place an undue burden on your office, promptly forward such observations to the Bureau for consideration.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-2974)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-66211)
SUBJECT: MARTHA STONE
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DATE: 10/30/58

Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)
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- 1 - New York (100-86624) (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C42) (NY COUNTY CP) (#12-15)
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Yorkville Section meeting of the C.P., held on Oct. 9, '58
at [redacted] Present: [redacted]

The meeting was chaired by [redacted] It was reported that [redacted]
[redacted] were excused.

[redacted] reported that the childrens march to Washington which
was to take place on Oct. 11, has been postponed to Oct. 25
and will include children from the 4th grade up to college.
In fact anybody who happened to be a student, is welcomed.
It will be known as the Youth March. Again everybody was
urged to do everything possible to get young people to attend.
[redacted] will be attending, or
going to Washington..

[redacted] reported on the Fund Drive, and he stated that
we have reached 73% of our quota. As per Club this is how it
looks: Bellview..104%.....Democratic Club....81%.....Nationality
Club 78%..Finnish contr. \$68 (this is considered good, due to
the fact that they are raising funds themselves to fight
deportation cases. [redacted] as quoted above, goes around
often, collecting). Community Club 61%....Gramercy....?
The Section feels confident that the quota will be reached.
In fact that same night, [redacted] brought in \$68.00. [redacted]
reported also that both the County and the State are "in
desperate need of funds and they hope to collect at least
20,000 dollars of the original quota.?.

On registration, [redacted] reported that 1/3 has so far
registered. All those present urged to register members in
their respective Club, so that we have a complete registration.
There has been no improvement in the sub campaign for the
Worker.

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Before presenting the County leader, the following announcements were made: On Oct. 19 at Hotel Theresa, 125th St., from 5 to 10 p.m. reception in honor of Ben Davis. All urged to attend.

All urged to attend another reception Sat. 18 at [redacted] to hear "a stirring reports from two American Observers who attended the Fourth Congress of the Women's International Democratic Federation held in Vienna. The observers also visited the Soviet Union and China. One of the observer is [redacted] wife of a Negro communist leader (she is white), [redacted] has already heard them, and she said it is "a terrific experience". Donation \$1.00.

[redacted] came here to speak on the election, because of the confusion prevalent among comrades on our relation or attitude to the Independent Socialist ticket. She admitted that the Party hasn't been too clear on the question, attributing this to many factors, the confusion created by the revisionists, etc. She stated that the IST cannot be supported as a whole, because the Trotskytes are there, and you just can't trust them. They are out to organize a national political party, with the aim of being an anti-communist organization. But the Party urges its members and friends to vote for Lamont and Mulzac. In this way we will register our vote for peace. In other words the Party will not support the gubernatorial candidate, even though he is fairly decent, because if he gets the minimum amount of votes required by the state, then the IST will remain a legal political party, and that is what the Trotskyte are aiming at. The Party has been meeting with individual leaders of the IST, such as Goldin, and we will continue to meet with them, hoping to convince them, that this is not a genuine movement for a real third party, where farm-labor and the Negro people will unite.

She reported that [redacted] had asked if he could be allowed to join the Executive Committee of the IST, and the Party refused. He abided by the decision of the Party.

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During the discussion, the confusion evidenced previously, was still alive. [redacted] were still of the opinion that we should vote for the entire ISP ticket, others were vacillating. [redacted] held fast with the Party decision. [redacted] spoke again and again, showing how disruptive the Trotskyites are, and that you can't unite with people who don't believe in the lands of Socialism and who make as their primary tasks of attacking the Soviet Union. The meeting which was scheduled to end at 10:15, closed after 11 o'clock.

[redacted] also reported that Martha Stone, Sid Stein and [redacted] [redacted] have resigned from the Party.

Next section meeting will be held at [redacted]. This meeting was also to have taken place at [redacted] misunderstood and gave wrong information to other comrades.

P.S. On the Davis campaign, the Party has decided that regardless of the decision of the courts, it will conduct a regular campaign (write-in), so that at least the Party will present its view point on the various issues.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: November 13, 1958

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There are being furnished herewith two Photostats of a chart showing the estimated Communist Party membership as of September 30, 1958, by states and territories, by field divisions and by Communist Party districts as well as comparative estimated membership figures by field divisions for the four past quarterly periods.

This is being furnished for your information and should not be incorporated in any reports prepared by your office.

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**ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1958**

The following figures are set out according to states and territories, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

MEMBERSHIP IN STATES & TERRITORIES

Alabama	12	Massachusetts	123	S. Carolina	2
Arizona	20	Michigan	250	S. Dakota	23
Arkansas	0	Minnesota	185	Tennessee	0
California	1,514	Mississippi	0	Texas	42
Colorado	7	Missouri	83	Utah	19
Connecticut	35	Montana	34	Vermont	2
Delaware	6	Nebraska	10	Virginia	13
District of Columbia	25	Nevada	0	Washington	240
Florida	37	New Hampshire	9	W. Virginia	9
Georgia	5	New Jersey	350	Wisconsin	102
Idaho	18	New Mexico	8	Wyoming	0
Illinois	617	New York	3,200		
Indiana	100	N. Carolina	18	<u>Territories</u>	
Iowa	10	N. Dakota	22	Alaska	0
Kansas	5	Ohio	348	Hawaii	0
Kentucky	0	Oklahoma	12	Puerto Rico	15
Louisiana	24	Oregon	50		
Maine	5	Pennsylvania	187		
Maryland	62	Rhode Island	10		
				Total	7,868

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	87	Houston	10	Oklahoma City	12
Albuquerque	8	Indianapolis	100	Omaha	20
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	6	Philadelphia	114
Atlanta	5	Kansas City	7	Phoenix	20
Baltimore	68	Knorville	0	Pittsburgh	82
Birmingham	6	Little Rock	0	Portland	50
Boston	147	Los Angeles	1,000	Richmond	7
Buffalo	98	Louisville	0	St. Louis	81
Butte	52	Memphis	0	Salt Lake City	19
Charlotte	20	Miami	31	San Antonio	5
Chicago	607	Milwaukee	102	San Diego	27
Cincinnati	66	Minneapolis	230	San Francisco	487
Cleveland	282	Mobile	6	San Juan	15
Dallas	22	Newark	350	Savannah	0
Denver	7	New Haven	35	Seattle	240
Detroit	250	New Orleans	24	Springfield	10
El Paso	5	New York	3,017	WFO	25
Honolulu, T.H.	0	Norfolk	6		
				Total	7,868

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<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>STATES INCLUDED IN DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>
Connecticut District	35	Connecticut	35
Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware District	120	Pennsylvania (eastern) Delaware	114 6
Illinois District	615	Illinois (excluding East St. Louis area) Iowa (Davenport & Bettendorf only)	615 0
Indiana District	100	Indiana	100
Maryland-D.C. District	87	Maryland District of Columbia	62 25
Michigan District	250	Michigan	250
Minnesota-Dakotas District	230	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	185 22 23
Missouri District	87	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	83 2 2
Montana District	34	Montana	34
New England District	149	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	2 5 9 123 10
New Jersey District	350	New Jersey	350
New York District	3,200	New York	3,200
Northern California District	507	California (north of Kern & Santa Barbara Counties)	507
Northwest District	258	Washington Idaho Territory of Alaska	240 18 0
Ohio District	349	Ohio West Virginia (Panhandle Section)	348 1

DISTRICTS (Continued)

Oklahoma-Arkansas District	12	Oklahoma	12
		Arkansas	0
Oregon District	50	Oregon	50
Rocky Mountain District	39	Colorado	7
		Utah	19
		New Mexico	8
		Wyoming	0
		Texas (17 western counties)	5
Southern California District	1,007	California (exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara & Kern Counties)	1,007
Southern Region	148	Alabama	12
		Florida	37
		Georgia	5
		Louisiana	24
		Mississippi	0
		North Carolina	18
		South Carolina	2
		Tennessee	0
		Texas (excluding 17 western counties)	37
		Virginia	13
Western Pennsylvania District	73	Pennsylvania (western)	73
Wisconsin District	102	Wisconsin	102
<u>STATES WITHOUT FORMAL CP ORGANIZATION</u>	51	Arizona	20
		Iowa	10
		Kansas	3
		Kentucky	0
		Nebraska	10
		Nevada	0
		West Virginia (exclusive of the 4 Panhandle counties)	8
<u>TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS</u>	15	*Alaska	0
		Hawaii	0
		Puerto Rico	15
Total	7,868	Total	7,868

*Also considered part of Northwest District

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	<u>12-31-57</u>	<u>3-31-58</u>	<u>6-30-58</u>	<u>9-30-58</u>
Albany	94	96	94	87
Albuquerque	10	6	6	8
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	5	5	5	5
Baltimore	70	68	68	68
Birmingham	6	6	6	6
Boston	148	153	150	147
Buffalo	116	98	102	98
Butte	44	52	52	52
Charlotte	28	21	20	20
Chicago	640	631	658	607*
Cincinnati	63	64	64	66
Cleveland	337	337	287	282
Dallas	34	29	27	22
Denver	9	7	7	7
Detroit	242	250	250	250
El Paso	5	5	5	5
Honolulu, T.H.	11	11	0	0
Houston	13	11	10	10
Indianapolis	100	100	101	100
Jacksonville		6	6	6
Kansas City	10	9	7	7
Knoxville	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1,730	1,397	1,000	1,000
Louisville	7	7	5	0
Memphis	6	0	0	0
Miami	48	32	31	31
Milwaukee	125	102	102	102
Minneapolis	200	230	230	230
Mobile	6	7	7	6
Newark	511	350	350	350
New Haven	100	100	100	35*
New Orleans	10	10	10	24
New York	3,292	3,008	3,006	3,017
Norfolk	8	8	8	6
Oklahoma City	18	13	12	12
Omaha	20	20	21	20
Philadelphia	310	244	194	114*
Phoenix	24	21	21	20
Pittsburgh	94	94	93	82
Portland	60	60	50	50
Richmond	11	7	7	7
St. Louis	82	82	82	81
Salt Lake City	30	20	20	19
San Antonio	9	6	6	5

*This indicates significant fluctuation in membership.

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION (CONTINUED)

	<u>12-31-57</u>	<u>3-31-58</u>	<u>6-30-58</u>	<u>9-30-58</u>
San Diego	21	25	25	27
San Francisco	594	509	498	487
San Juan	26	25	16	15
Savannah	1	0	0	0
Seattle	293	293	300	240*
Springfield	10	10	10	10
WFO	19	21	21	25
TOTALS	<u>9,645</u>	<u>8,666</u>	<u>8,150</u>	<u>7,868</u>

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40)(#421)

DATE: 11/17/58

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP
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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Open Section meeting of Allerton CP, 10/14/58

Date Received 11/3/58

Received By [redacted]

Original Located [redacted]

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On Tuesday October 14th 1958 an open meeting of the Bronx branch of the Communist Party was held at the Allerton Community Center, 683 Allerton Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

There were between (60) sixty to (70) seventy persons, some of whom are members of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee, and they are as follows:

[REDACTED]

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- 1 - New York (100-90565) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-111333) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-100442) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-132678) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-18272) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-85233) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-118525) (BCLC) (#411)
- 1 - New York (100-107419) (ECLC) (#411)
- 1 - New York (100-136272) (YOUTH MARCH FOR INTEGRATED SCHOOLS, 10/25/58) (#411)
- 1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-79717) (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (#411)
- 1 - New York (100-135320) (INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST PARTY) (#413)
- 1 - New York (100-9224) [REDACTED]
- ① 1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-108992) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-80640) (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-36215) [REDACTED]

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This meeting was chaired by [redacted] who opened it by stating that before he would introduce the speaker of the evening that he had several announcements to make 1st-- that none other than Harvey O'Connor who defied the Un-American Activities Committee by not appearing before it when subpoenaed and who spent that day at home just relaxing around the house, and who questioned the constitutionality of the very existence of the committee will give a lecture under the auspices of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee at the Allerton Communist Center, 683 Allerton Ave. on October 31st 1958 and that tickets are available in the back of the room from comrade [redacted] 2nd--announcement he said that on Sat. October 25th, 1958 that the Youth March to Wash. D.C. will take place, and that the sponsors of this movement include such people as [redacted] A.F.L., C.I.O. etc. [redacted] said that all are encouraged to participate in order to insure that the March is a great success. 3rd--announcement was that on Nov. 15th 1958 the Soviet American Friendship will hold a meeting commemorating 25 years of diplomatic relations between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

[redacted] said he is honored to have the pleasure of introducing comrade Arnold Johnson. Arnold Johnson said that there are several points that we (Communist Party Members) must at all times bear in mind. He advocated a policy of all Communist Party Members working on a united front with all other movements, Govt, Labor Unions, Individuals, Political Organizations, Non-political organizations and the Negro peoples movements throughout this country the U.S.A. Arnold Johnson cited as an example the success of Adam Clayton Powell in Harlem against Desapio and the Tammany machine. He said that the Negro people of Harlem had a choice between bossism (Tammany) and Clayton Powell, he said that their overwhelming support of Powell amounted to a direct protest against outside groups and individuals controlling their community. Arnold Johnson also cited the election laws of New York as well as many other cities throughout land. He said that a major objective is to agitate for a change of

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the now existing election l laws. He said that, they the laws existed in such a form that the groups in control can find simple and technical ways from permitting opposition groups and minorities candidates from getting on the ballot. He said that this condition is largely the reason for the hard tough fight that is being conducted in the Ben Davis campaign in Harlem. He told all present not to sell Ben Davis short (cheap). He said that Ben Davis speaks every day, to the public in Harlem, and that on a week-end like Friday or Sat. nights as examples that Ben Davis constantly speaks to an holds the undivided attention of some 2,500 (twenty-five hundred) persons constantly throughout evening. He said, "Ben Davis" has through street rally's and agitation injected new twist into politics. He said that one could tell by the public's (crowds) reactions that Ben Davis is getting across to them satisfactorily. He displayed a great amount of admiration and confidence in Ben Davis.

Arnold Johnson referred to Troskyites. He gave a brief analogy of the composition and general make up and aims of (false) Socialist groups and persons participating with and on behalf of such groups. Arnold Johnson said he had a discussion in conjunction with fellow-members of his group with the leaders of this Socialist (Trostky) group at beginning and prior to preparations for political activities in coming elections, but that there existed no accord or agreement. He said that these Socialist (Trostky) leaders proposed that Communist Party join forces and work in conjunction with them during political campaign for November elections. However he felt this request on the part of the Socialist group (Troskyites) ridiculous in light of fact that the terms offered by this Socialist Group were repugnant and in direct opposition to the very existence of the Communist Party. And that the summation of their (Socialist Trostsky) proposition equaled their asking him to join forces against himself to effectuate his own self-destruction. He said that many of the candidates of this group are very fine people, (not Trostsky's). At this point a female present in audience questioned Arnold Johnson on character and status of Dr. Annette Rubenstein. Arnold Johnson said that she is not a Trotsky.

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At this point of the meeting, [redacted] and [redacted] were summoned from room where meeting was being held and were advised by [redacted] in presence of [redacted] [redacted] in the hallway outside of meeting room at 10:15 P.M. while meeting was still in process that out of (6) possible candidates that the both of them were discussed and approved admittance into the Communist Party at a closed Communist Party Meeting that was held on the previous night, Monday 10/ /58. Bella said that the confirmation of [redacted] admittance would be forthcoming (2) two weeks hence from last Monday night of 10/ /58 at the next scheduled closed Communist Party meeting in the Bronx, N.Y. [redacted] instructed [redacted] [redacted] to meet at [redacted] home at 8:00 P.M. Monday October , 1958. [redacted] congratulated each other on their being accepted into the Communist Party. They also shook hands and were congratulated by [redacted] whereupon [redacted] [redacted] departed and [redacted] re-entered meeting.

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At this point Arnold Johnson was giving an appraisal and analysis of the new Communist objective approach and look toward better and more successful entrenchment in the U.S.A.

Johnson said that on the subject of being independent, that there are many who think of independence in a solitary sense (alone, detached). Johnson advocated being "Independent", however in the sense of successful infiltration and entrenchment of all independent movements, as an illustration, he referred to the Negro Movement and said it is a genuine one, he also referred to internal movement within democratic party etc. He implied it is important, essential and safe to work within such legitimate movements, irrespective as to organizations, identity, traditions or type or nature of group as long as it will further the cause of the "implied" (Communist) Party and its objectives.

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However, said Johnson if a choice is to be made between conservative and liberal "that is the Republicans and the Democrats". That to operate within the framework of the Democratic Party is certainly most desirable. A man named [redacted] conveyed Arnold Johnson's thoughts and remarks in a very specific and direct manner. He, [redacted] said that the Democratic Party is super sensitive to the whims, feeling and desires of the people and due to the existence of such sensitivity, it thus commands a great amount of concentrated efforts on the parts of all Communist. He [redacted] continued, it is not important the name of the group or groups and organizations, but the existence of internal live working forces and nature of internal movements with in all of the million and on organizations through country.

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Arnold Johnson continued his appraisal and measures to be implemented by saying quote, "that we don't want the type of Independence were we assemble in a body, elected figure heads, and then come to a mutually verbal agreement that we are independant. That type of Independence will get us nowhere, anybody can do that. However we will be independant and nearer our objective when we all fully recognize and realize the merits of working on a united front with all independant movements when they come into existence and began to motivate themselves in this country. He implied that the acceptance and adherence to this policy will bring about the salavation and re-emergence of the Communist Party. He said, quote, "take a look at the Quemoy situation, and the fears of the people of being drawn into another war. Look at the desenting remarks of Senators and others, the question of integration in the South, the unrest of Negro peoples in America, symbolised by Martin Luther King movement and N.A.A.C.P. The Negro peoples are genuinely part of thes movements, and they want justice and equality. Let's consider the State of Maine this year marks the first time in history of Maine that the Democrats were elected by popular voted and that it looks like a protest vote against the administration dragging the country into another war. He said that prior to outcome of the Maine election that the Poll-sters said as Maine goes so goes the nation. But

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that the Poll-sters did change about face and have desisted from using slogan. Johnson said it looks like a clean sweep for the democrats and if so it will mean (33) thirty-three seats in the senate and control of both houses etc. He implied that all Communist policy must continue to agitate and harass constantly all political candidate on issues. That Communist have big job ahead of putting across a slogan for peace, and compel elective representation their continuing and untiring harassment and pressures an acceptance of Communist demands, in regards to peace, integration, atomic weapons as well as other important issues which Communist feel should be part of the platforms of all political candidates. Mr. Johnson stressed importance of giving momentum to another recent movement which has already commenced, but which requires more fuel. Quote, "this is the movement within the Democratic Party (Liberal circles) to split with the South. He indicated great possibilities for American Communism if such a split could be achieved.

He Johnson said that the question of a split between the northern and southern Democrats is constantly being considered by important factions throughout this country.

Arnold Johnson's summation remarks were that we (Communists) can safely and constructively be independent only through working with-in legitimate Independent movements, but at the same time working on a united front. He said existence of such movements present a wonderful challenge and opportunity for all Communist to become a living part of such movements.

After meeting [redacted] instructed [redacted] to come to her home the following morning of Wed. 10/15/58.

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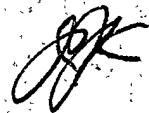
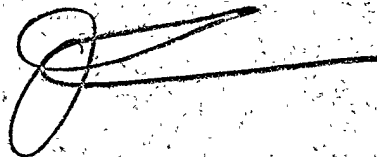
On 11/13/58, NY 2362-S* advised that during a discussion between JACK STACHEL and EUGENE DENNIE, STACHEL made a statement that the CP has today 5,000 to 6,000 maximum membership, and that the figure is probably nearer 5,000.

The informant was unable to determine the basis for STACHEL's estimate of the Party membership.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-23224)

DATE: 11/19/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-16577)

SUBJECT:
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Identity of Source

who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info

Meeting at 683 Allerton Avenue, where spoke, 10/31/58.

Date Received

11/10/58

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Report of [redacted] talk given at a meeting sponsored by the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties (B.C.L.C.) at the Allerton Community Center, 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, New York, on October 31, 1958.

The meeting was very well attended. There were approximately 135 people present.

[redacted] talk was almost identical with his previous talk at the home of [redacted] with this exception. He said that all this fear and hysteria in the country introduced by Congressional investigating committees

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- 1 - New York (100-96899) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-118525)(ECLC)(#411)
- 1 - New York (100- [redacted])
- 1 - New York (100-120476) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-89179) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100- [redacted])
- 1 - New York (100-107419)(ECLC)(#411)
- 1 - New York (100-269)(HENRY WINSTON)(#415)
- 1 - New York (100-133090)(NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY)(#411)

- 1 - New York (100-135170) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-108992) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-135535) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-13447) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-80638) CP.USA - MEMBERSHIP)(#415)
- 1 - New York (100-71043) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-83378) [redacted]

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is a result of the "cold war." If the "cold war" could be eliminated, he said, then, there would be no need for the Congressional investigating committees and if they did not exist, then there would be no fear and hysteria in the country. The audience was in complete agreement with him on this point.

[redacted] stated that he felt that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) would be abolished at the next session of Congress. However, he said, this HUAC would be transferred to and/or rather its duties would be assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. [redacted] added that even this wouldn't help the situation to any great degree. He said that we should not rest until there are no more Congressional investigating committees relative to an individual's political beliefs and associations.

[redacted] retold the story of how he became an "identified Communist;" he retold the story of his search for the HUAC files in the Chicago area; (this was received very favorably by his audience) he retold the story of how he feels the HUAC received the information about [redacted] [redacted] visits to his home; (he feels that the HUAC used a wiretap) he retold his feelings as to whether or not Congress will cite him.

During the meeting a resolution supporting [redacted] [redacted] stand, on the question of his appearance before HUAC, was introduced and unanimously adopted. The resolution not only supported [redacted] but asked that he not be cited by the Congress. The resolution was sent to the Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, [redacted] [redacted] that it was prepared in the office of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

Another resolution calling for amnesty for Gil Green and Henry Winston was introduced and unanimously adopted. This resolution was prepared by [redacted] at the request of [redacted]

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A third resolution was introduced and passed unanimously calling for the representatives of the United States, United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union, meeting at Geneva, Switzerland to end all nuclear tests. This resolution was cut out of the N.Y. Times. It was an advertisement paid for by the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, Inc. All these resolutions were introduced by [redacted]

The final resolution was introduced calling for a representative body from the meeting to appear at the parole hearing of Gil Green and Henry Winston. It was unanimously adopted.

During and after the affair some members of the B.C.L.C, namely, [redacted] and others, had lengthy conversations with a woman named [redacted]. At the end of [redacted] talk, [redacted] went out to the corridor and opened a package, F.N.U. L.N.U. (female) took out its contents and began distributing leaflets.

While coffee and cake was served, [redacted] came up to [redacted] and apologized to [redacted] for the way he had acted at the B.C.L.C. regular meeting when he was discussing what the B.C.L.C. should or should not do, concerning the "Youth March to Washington, D.C." [redacted] told him that there was no need to apologize because we are all interested in the same thing and that he could appreciate the intensity of some people's arguments when they are presenting their case as they see it. They were interrupted by a man who gave [redacted] about 100 tickets for a Nov. 15, 1958, affair at the Allerton Community Center, sponsored by the Allerton Community Center.

After the meeting, [redacted] had a conversation about the evening's proceedings. During their discussion, [redacted] began to tell [redacted] about some of [redacted] shortcomings as far as B.C.L.C.

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activities and [redacted] handling of people. She is too demanding and adamant, [redacted] said. [redacted] replied that if the bickering at the B.C.L.C. meetings didn't stop, it was his feeling that the B.C.L.C. would shortly cease to function. [redacted] agreed.

[redacted] then went on to tell [redacted] that he would like to see [redacted] become a member of the Communist Party (C.P.). [redacted] wondered what [redacted] reaction would be if the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) came to her and said that her husband was a C.P. member; what [redacted] feelings about his job security were if he were to become a C.P. member; would [redacted] be afraid of losing his job? [redacted] replied that his decision to join the C.P., if asked, or whatever procedure is used to become a C.P. member, or not to join the C.P. would be dictated by his belief in the organization. As far as the fear of loss of job or what his wife would do, [redacted] said that from his experience with his attendance at an open meeting of the C.P. at [redacted] apartment, he was impressed with the amount of discretion used in arriving at and leaving the meeting. Therefore, he felt confident that a good deal more caution would be used, if necessary, to make certain that the members identity would be protected.

[redacted] that he [redacted] had asked [redacted] once before to take [redacted] in as a C.P. member. [redacted] then reminded [redacted] that he had told [redacted] at that time that there were some people that did not trust [redacted] but now [redacted] says all this has been refuted.

[redacted] went on to tell [redacted] [redacted] had accused [redacted] of being an agent of the F.B.I. [redacted] repeated the story. According to [redacted] when both [redacted] were asked to prove that [redacted] was an agent of the F.B.I. they couldn't do so. [redacted] stated only that [redacted] had told him that [redacted] was an agent of the F.B.I. [redacted] according to [redacted] could only say that she thought that she had seen [redacted] somewhere before his coming

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to the B.C.L.C. [] then told [] that all this had been refuted; he didn't say how, and that he felt that [] used this statement about [] because she didn't like [] and she didn't want to participate in any more of the B.C.L.C. activities.

[] that he liked [] and he could trust [] that was why he was telling [] the whole story. He thanked [] for not going to [] first told [] that there were some people that did not trust him.

[] that if there are still people over there that did not trust him, then [] could tell them for him to forget that they had ever known him and as far as he [] is concerned, he would forget that he had ever met them. [] said that there was no need to talk like that because there was no question in anybody's mind as to where [] stands.

[] went on to state that the C.P. is reorganizing and recruiting. He said that [] is the organizer of the Bronx County Committee of the C.P. and that she wants [] to start a club two blocks from his home. [] then asked what about [] relations with [] and the B.C.L.C. [] replied that in the C.P. you do what she wants you to do. [] said that he was going to ask [] again about [] becoming a member of the C.P. and if she didn't agree then he would ask [] about membership in the C.P. for [] said that this [] must be pretty important. [] said that [] hell for her actions concerning the "Youth March". [] then referred to the heated discussions between [] [] said that [] was a top C.P. member and is very sick. He intimated that [] has more influence in C.P. affairs than []

[] then discussed the question of meeting [] wife. [] felt that this would serve little purpose. []

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agreed but said that he could meet his wife for only a short time. [] said that he and [] could make up a story about [] advice about a car, [] could drive over to [] house, stay a few minutes and then leave. [] then told [] that he would think it over and let [] know.

As [] left, he told [] would get his wish and be a C.P. member in about a week or a week in a half. [] replied that he would leave it up to []

At one point in their conversation, [] told [] that the activities of the B.C.L.C. were not challenging enough, and that he needed some other activity to stimulate his mind.

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SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (125)

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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (confidential)

Description of Info: United NC Agony has list of 200 past members of CP who are to be contacted for recruitment in CP.

Date Received: 10/15/58

Received by: SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (orally)

Original located: [redacted]

Extreme care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

The above information was furnished by the informant on 10/15/58 and authenticated on 11/18/58.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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[redacted] has a list of names of approximately 200 people who were past Communist Party members in the Harlem Region of the CP who are to be contacted for possible recruitment back into the CP.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1894) DATE: 12/2/58

FROM : SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (423)

SUBJECT : UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION CP
IS-C

Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: Upper East Side (Yorkville) Section, CP Meeting, 11/6/58

Date Received: 11/18/58

Received by: SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (written)

Original located: [redacted]

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 - 1-New York (100-26776)
 - 1-New York (100-98523)
 - 1-New York (100-123664)
 - 1-New York (100-81285)
 - 1-New York (100-56820)
 - 1-New York (100-91946)
 - 1-New York (100-55715)
 - 1-New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
 - 1-New York (100-133090) (COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY) (411)
 - 1-New York (100-) (WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE)
 - 1-New York (100-) (UNITED WORLD FEDERALISTS)
 - 1-New York (100-128843) (AMERICAN FRIENDS SOCIETY) (411)
 - 1-New York (100-136272) (YOUTH MARCH ON WASHINGTON) (411)
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Section meeting (Yorkville) of CP, held at [redacted] home,
[redacted] on Thursday, Nov. 6, 58. Present: [redacted]

1. [redacted], who is active in the Sane Nuclear Policy, reported on her activities. She said, that the SNP, both, nationally and locally has been active, as evidenced by the various press reports. She stated that more and more local groups are being organized, even thou the National organization, yet, does not have a membership organization. She reported that some of the organizations belonging to above, do not want membership organization, because they are afraid that they may then suffer. Among those organizations are the War Resisters League; United World Federalists, American Friends Service Committee, etc.. As of now there are 80 local groups of Sane Nuclear Policy active in the City. The East Side SNP has been active and lately they have convinced the Yorkville Civic Council to go-sponsor a meeting on nuclear problems for November 20th at St. James Episcopal Church, 31 E. 71st St. Leaflets will be distributed for this meeting and letters will be sent to members of the Yorkville Civic Council, Church organization that Phyllis is in contact with, etc. Among speakers there will be Cong. Santangelo.

There was criticism that SNP is still an elite organization, and [redacted] was urged to push wherever and whenever she can, the idea that this organization becomes bigger, where the masses can participate. She reported on the latest petition being distributed which will be sent air mail to Geneva. It was hoped that Mrs. Roosevelt, or [redacted] would do the presentation of the petitions, but they will not be able to do so. Therefore, as of tonite, the SNP does not know who will go to Geneva.

The aim of the organization remains the same: ban the nuclear weapons. If we are successful in this, then, we will concentrate or disarmament.

Our forces tried to inject the Matsu question, but National Office, remains adamant on the question, not to take issue. They urged, if local groups wish, to form separate Committees on the matter, but Sane Nuclear Policy to concentrate on stopping nuclear tests, then banning, etc.

2. There was, or better were, brief reports on the Youth Crusade to Washington. [redacted] reported that she never thought that so many young people would have responded, From her children's school. [redacted] stated that all people he contacted for donations to send young people to Washington, no body refused to donate. But we are going further at my school (were his son attends). They are having a dinner for the children who could not attend, because of shortage of busses, a party for those who went there, and there will be reports in the various classes. We intend to set up a permanent group. The same response was reported by [redacted] [redacted] The general enthusiasm is that this was the first kind of mobilization to Washington in many years, and the first that our childrens have experienced. Now they are beginning to feel that they are not alone, that thousands and thousands of other children are with them. This tremendous success should and will be carefully studied by the Party, because we believe this may be the beginning of mass youth organization.

3. There was some discussion on the outcome of the election. The results on the national scene, and particularly the defeat of the Mc Carthyites "left-overs" was the most jubilant note. Everybody hailed the role that labor played. The defeat in NY was mainly attributed to the popularity of Rockefeller, the promises he made, and his liberal role. [redacted] and [redacted] again stated their disappointment the way the Party handled the Independent Socialist Ticket. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that the entire issue will definitely be analyzed. In fact [redacted] reported that the State Committee of the Party is meeting next week-end (14-15-16), and one of the main subject_ will be the analysis of above.

More attention will be given to our local candidates and politicians. [redacted] stated that a high Republican politician

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told her that Farley worked with them for the defeat of Bragdon (candidate for the Assembly in the 8th).

4. [] reported on the Fund Drive. Now we have reached the goal of 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. We can definitely fulfill our quota. For this reason we bought a bloc of tickets from the Greenwich Mews Theatre for Dec. 7th. The Section will make a profit of one dollar for each ticket sold. Tickets distributed to all those present.

On membership the situation remains the same.

Misc. Everybody urged again to contact young people, among our friends, and urge them to enroll in the School. [] stated that this School, as you can see by the instructors, will give the best Marxian education to our children. And this is absolutely necessary if we want to organize any youth movement.

[] talking briefly on the Santangelo election, stated that we should be a little more aggressive with him. He said that he has already spoken at the last Advisory Council (organized by Santangelo) and attacked Santangelo proposal that we build shelters to protect ourselves in any future atomic war. I attacked this "stupid proposal" and the response was good, particularly I received support from the Hotel Trade Council delegate. [] further reported that Santangelo has written to a constituent expressing his support in the idea of recognizing China. You see, he receive very little mail [] reported). What we should do is write to him, let our friends do the same, and I think Santangelo will move a little more, especially now that the election is over. Therefore it was agreed that letters will be written by various people living in the Congressional District, urging the Congressman to take a more liberal attitude on international issues. The meeting which was supposed to end at 10, closed at 10:30. The next meeting will take place at [] home, Tuesday, Nov. 25. [] will try to have Arnold Johnson to speak on the election, or somebody else from the National Office.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: December 2, 1958

FROM : *JAB* Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Circumstances require that the Communist Party (CP), USA, membership figures for the quarterly period ending December 31, 1958, ordinarily due at the Bureau no later than January 20, 1959, be tabulated and furnished to reach the Bureau as soon after December 31, 1958, as possible and at least no later than January 7, 1959. This data should be sent by airtel under caption of this letter.

The airtel should contain the data usually incorporated under the membership caption in the quarterly report as well as explanations for any significant fluctuation in membership where pertinent.

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| 2 - Butte | 2 - Norfolk |
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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Auxiliary offices must furnish to the offices of origin the membership data as expeditiously as possible in order that the Bureau deadline of January 7, 1959, can be met.

This does not alter in any way the membership data to be contained in the quarterly CPUSA reports for the period ending December 31, 1958. The airtel should be a more succinct duplication of the membership data that will be incorporated in the quarterly reports. It is extremely important that the figures contained in the airtels agree completely with those in the quarterly reports.

This additional requirement is for this quarterly period only and will not be required for subsequent periods unless advised by the Bureau.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1934)(#421)

DATE: 12/5/58

FROM : [Redacted]

SUBJECT: NORTHEAST SECTION,
BRONX COUNTY CP
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Identity of Source

[Redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info

Special committee meeting Northeast Section, Bronx County CP, 11/18/58.

Date Received

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On 11-18-58 at 9:00 P. M. at [redacted] in the Bronx at the home of [redacted] there was held a special committee of the Northeast Bronx Communist Party Section. The other committee members present besides [redacted] were [redacted] Also Present were [redacted]

The purpose of this meeting was to find out whether or not [redacted] could find someone else besides [redacted] to recommend him for admission to the Communist Party, preferably someone he had known previously who knew him to be a member of the Party. [redacted] said that when he proposed [redacted] for admission to the Communist Party to the section committee, there was some objection raised why [redacted] was not being recommended by two members as required by the Communist Party. However, [redacted] was able to obtain [redacted] admission in spite of these objections. Sam said that the club members were very happy to have [redacted] as members of the Communist Party, but when [redacted] asked for admission to the Party, some of the members insisted that at least two members should have recommened the admission of [redacted]

[redacted] said that efforts had been made to have [redacted] identified through some members of the

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- 1 - New York (100-80945) (UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS)
- 1 - New York (100- [redacted])
- 1 - New York (100- [redacted])
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-100713) (RETAIL DRUGS EMPLOYEE'S UNION)
- 1 - New York (100-31019) (CP, USA - INFILTRATION INTO LABOR) (#416)

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Communist Party who live in Parkchester, but no one seemed to be able to do so. [redacted] said that he had used the name of [redacted] when he belonged to the Parkchester Communist Club. He said that he couldn't remember anyone in the Parkchester Club who could identify him because ten years had elapsed since he had left the party because of fear of exposure. [redacted] said that he had looked for a long time for one of the Parkchester comrades when he wanted to get back into the party, but in as much as he couldn't remember anyone specifically he could not make any contact, and came to the Allerton neighborhood to join the party.

[redacted] asked [redacted] how he was recruited into the Communist Party when he first joined. [redacted] replied that when he worked for the NY State Employment Service in the garment trades office, he was shop steward for the United Public Workers, and he met a lot of members of the union who were also Communists. Among these was one of his fellow workers who was crippled. He couldn't remember her name, but he recalled that her husband ran the book shop at the dance hall at District 65, at 13 Astor Place, N. Y. C., and he believed that these people had recruited him for the party. [redacted] said that he believed that the couple that [redacted] referred to was named [redacted] and [redacted] said that the man's first name was [redacted] [redacted] said that he would contact the [redacted] to see if they would vouch for [redacted] although he said that he did not know whether or not they were still members of the communist party. [redacted] mentioned that he would bring some pictures he had taken at United Public Workers affairs to the next meeting. [redacted] thought that this was a good idea. [redacted] said that Local 1199 the retail drug employees union who were close to the Communist Party were going to try to organize some of the hospital employees.

[redacted] also asked [redacted] if she had ever been a member of the Communist Party, and she replied that she had never been a member of the party but that she had gone

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to the Jefferson school, and had taken some courses, and that she had also gone to Arrowhead where she had met her husband.

[redacted] thought that this matter could be settled quickly, but that in the meantime, [redacted] [redacted] could only attend section meetings and not Communist Party Club meetings. The next section meeting will be held on 11-25-58 and Bill Albertson will be the speaker.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-01945)(#421) DATE: 12/5/58

FROM : [Redacted]

SUBJECT: NORTHEAST SECTION,
BRONX COUNTY CP
IS - C

Identity of Source [Redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Special Committee meeting of Northeast Section, Bronx, County CP, 11/18/58.

Date Received 11/21/58

Received By [Redacted]

Original Located [Redacted]

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- 1 - New York (100-80945)(UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS)
- 1 - New York (100- [Redacted])
- 1 - New York (100- [Redacted])
- 1 - New York (100- [Redacted]) (RETAIL DRUGS EMPLOYEE'S UNION)
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[redacted] that when [redacted] was proposed by himself for admission to Communist Party to the section committee some question was raised why [redacted] was not recommended by two members as required by the Communist Party rule on admissions. [redacted] was able at that time to obtain [redacted] admission in spite of this. [redacted] said that the Club members were very glad to have [redacted] as a fellow comrade and he was very happy when [redacted] wife, wanted to join the Communist Party also.

The section committee could not admit [redacted] because some of the members insisted that at least two members should have recommended Stan for admission. The committee was then appointed to see if an additional Communist comrade could be found to recommend the admission.

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1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (#416)
1 - New York (100-82157) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-13447) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-133481) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-131345) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-136397) [redacted]

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[redacted] said that some of the Parkchester comrades were asked to identify [redacted] but none could do so. [redacted] said that he used the name of [redacted] when he belonged to the Parkchester Communist Club. He said that because of the ten years that had passed since he left the party because of his fear of exposure, he could remember no one. [redacted] said that for many months he had looked for a Parkchester comrade before he came to the Allerton neighborhood to join the party.

[redacted] asked how [redacted] was recruited into the Communist Party when he first belonged. [redacted] said that when he worked for the New York State Employment Service in the garment trades office, he was shop steward for the United Public Workers and he came in contact with many comrades who were Communists. among these was a crippled lady who worked with him as an Employment Interviewer. He could not remember her name but her husband ran the book shop at the dance hall at District 65, 13 Astor Place, N.Y.C. and he believed that they had recruited him. [redacted] said that the name was [redacted] remembered that [redacted] who was also crippled, first name was [redacted] said that he did not know if the [redacted] still belonged to the Communist Party but he would contact them. [redacted] was sure that they would vouch for him. [redacted] asked if [redacted] could remember any other members of the United Public Workers but he could not. [redacted] said that she had often gone to the garment trades employment office when she was unemployed.

[redacted] said that he would bring some pictures he had taken at United Public Workers affairs to the next meeting. [redacted] said that this was a good idea. He said that Local 1199 the Retail Drug employees union who were close to the Communists were going to try to organize some of the hospital employees. [redacted] if he knew a photographer from Parkchester named [redacted] could not remember him.

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[redacted] thought that this could be settled quickly but [redacted] meanwhile could not attend Communist Party Club meetings. They could go to section meetings. The next one would be on 11-25-58 at 683 Allerton Avenue and Bill Albertson would be the speaker. [redacted] then left.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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Identity of source	[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal)
Description of info	Comments of [redacted] concerning EPA CP, 11/20/58
Date received	11/26/58
Received by	SAS VINCENT E. MURPHY of Newark and JOHN A. HAAG of NY (oral)
Original location	[redacted]

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Information received from informant, as set forth above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 11/28/58, and authenticated by informant on 12/3/58.

A copy of informant's report follows

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-69 (RM)
(1 - 100-3-68) (CP, USA, Membership)
- 2 - Newark [redacted] (Info) (RM)
- 7 - Philadelphia (100- [redacted]) (CP, USA, Organization) (Info) (RM)
(1 - 100- [redacted]) (CP, USA, Membership)
(1 - 100- [redacted])
(1 - 100- [redacted])
(1 - 100-38020 [redacted])
(1 - 100-2427 (DAVE DAVIS)
(1 - 65-1686 (TOM NABRIED)
- 11 - [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership) (415)
- 1 - NY 80641 (415)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1894) DATE:12/16/58
FROM : SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (423)
SUBJECT : UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION CP
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: Meeting of Upper East Side (Yorkville) Section CP, 11/25/58

Date Received: 11/28/58

Received by: SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (written)

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- 1-New York (100-81285)
- 1-New York (100-56820)
- 1-New York (100-91946)
- 1-New York (100-55715)
- 1-New York (100-

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attended upper East Side Section CP meeting 11/25/58, per [redacted]

1-New York (100- [redacted]) [redacted] middle aged, wore glasses, attended Upper East Side Section CP meeting 11/25/58, per [redacted]

1-New York (100- [redacted]) [redacted] heavy set with white hair attended Upper East Side Section CP meeting, 11/25/58, per [redacted]

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1-New York (100-) [redacted] attended Upper East Side
Section CP Meeting, 11/25/58, [redacted]
1-New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS, JR.) (415)
1-New York (100-79717) (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (415)
1-New York (100-128812) (CP, NYS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (416)
1-New York (100-128314) (CP, NYS FUNDS) (416)
1-New York (100-80640) (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION) (415)
1-New York (100-128815) (CP, NYS NEGRO QUESTION) (416)
1-New York (100-89590) (CP, USA STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (415)
1-New York (100-128809) (CP, NYS STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (416)
1-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1-New York (100-128817) (CP, NYS MEMBERSHIP) (416)
1-New York (100-135320) (UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY) (413)
1-New York (100-26603-C42) (NY COUNTY CP) (425)

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Enlarged Section meeting of Yorkville CP, held at [redacted]
[redacted] on Nov. 25, 58. Present: [redacted]

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These last three women, were never seen before and all of them seem to be professionals. Also present was [redacted]

The meeting started at 8:15 and was chaired by [redacted]. The meeting was mainly called to discuss the election results and the guest speaker was Bob Thompson. [redacted] reported briefly on the Fund Drive and said that so far we have reached 80% of our goal. He thinks that with the theatre Party on Dec. 6, and some other individual contributions we can definitely reach, in fact, go over our goal. [redacted] reported that the tickets for the theatre are being sold at a slow pace. She urged that we phone our friends and comrades and urge them to participate.

On the membership [redacted] reported that more than 50% of our members are not registered yet and this is because they have not been seen. Our next meeting will discuss fully this situation. [redacted] came with a number of Marxist books and stated that she can get any book on practically any subject with a tremendous discount. She urged the comrades to buy these books, or any other, and save. Part of the discount she gets will be given to our Section, the rest to the comrade.

Bob Thompson spoke a little over an hour. He hailed the results of the election, comparing it with the democratic sweep in 1936. This, he said, was a tremendous victory for the labor movement, because the Republican Party dared to campaign on an anti-labor platform. In fact they made Reuther the chief villain. They, the Republicans, wanted to bust-up the Negro-labor alliance. Their strategy received a decisive set back. The old guard of the Republican Party, the Mc Carthy's wing was soundly obliterated. Gave results of vote in the

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various states. Thompson stated that the main reason for the Republican defeat was economical. Then was the fear of war. This was the answer to Nixon, To Dulles "brink of war" policy. As for Rockefeller's victory in New York, Thompson stated that it was mainly a personal victory, the failure of the N.Y. labor movement to be more aggressive, the discontent of the liberal wing of the democratic party (the Finletter affair) of De Sapio's role in selecting candidates, and the double-crossing by De Sapio on election day, were in many of his strongholds, his captains, on his orders, didn't lift a finger for Harriman. Hailed the campaign conducted for Davis, but deplored the fact that the Party didn't have more candidates. This situation will be remedied in the future. He criticized severely the role of the labor movement in N.Y. for not presenting labor-progressive candidates as labor did in many other parts of the country. For this he blamed mainly the left forces within the labor movement. But they are beginning to realize, that they have to be a "little more" active and can demand more respect from the democrats. But you see the labor movement was on the defensive since 1947. But now, with this tremendous victory, the labor movement will step up its activities. And we hear reports from many parts of the Country that labor is now discussing these matters. They are also thinking seriously, with Negro leaders, on a Southern organizing drive, to register 3 million Negro people. If this happens, you know comrades, what will happen: it will change the political complexion of the South. Now the mandate has been given by the people, we have a new political atmosphere in Washington. We now have a tremendous opportunity and responsibility to mobilize, the best forces, the many comrades who left the Party for one reason or another, our many friends. We can now gain many more victories as in 1936: the repeal of Taft-Hartley, the possibility of eliminating the cloture, a better wage law, a better social security system, a national health program, This is a challenge to us.

In speaking of the role of the Independent Socialist Ticket, he classified them as diversionary. He even attacked Mc Manus as a tecnocrat. This group does not believe in the working class, how could they believe in Socialism....We will have people at their Cleveland convention, and we will definitely fight their plans to organize their so called left party.

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We believe in a true labor-farmer party in coalition with the Negro people, and we will seriously fight for this. The greatest possibilities for this, is by working where labor, where the Negro people are, where we have the better opportunities to achieve our objectives, and you don't have this situation in the Republican Party.

This report was followed by a discussion. From the discussion it is apparent that the majority of those present were still confused on the idea of working within the Democratic Party, that they would prefer a left party (not necessarily the Independent Socialist Ticket, which they too accuse of being infiltrated by Trotskyite elements). It was agreed that this was not a final discussion, that more will follow. Meanwhile, Thompson urged that our comrades and friends working in the Democratic Party, exercise more initiative, and more responsibilities. That our labor, especially in the New York area will be pushed to move, so that in 1959, and 1960 elections (and democratic primaries) we can have labor-progressive candidates.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-01945)

DATE: 12/18/58

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FROM

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SUBJECT BRONX COMMUNIST PARTY, NORTHEAST SECTION
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Identity of Source:

[Redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info:

Open section meeting at 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx

Date Received:

12/4/58

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1-New York (100-136272) (YOUTH MARCH ON WASHINGTON) (411)
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On 11-25-58 at 9.00 there was a open section meeting of the North East Bronx Communist Party at 683 Allerton Ave., Bronx, N.Y. Among those Identified were [redacted]

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The chairman for the evening was [redacted] He apologized for not having this meeting sooner, but said that it could not be arranged, in as much as the subject of the evening was an analysis of the recent election, and introduced Bill Albertson who was the speaker for the evening.

Albertson said that the victory of the Democratic Party in most of the nation, was also a victory for the workers, for the following reasons: He said that a great many of the senators who had been linked with Joseph Mc Carthy when he had been in the senate had been very badly defeated and that the men who had been victorious over them had won on a progressive stand. Also the "Right to Work laws had been defeated in five out of six states, despite the fact that the Senate's Committee on Labor had stirred up a lot of propoganda against dishonest labor leaders. Albertson felt that labor should clean its own house.

Albertson also gave the reasons why the Republican party had been defeated so badly. He said that the administration's brinkmanship foreign policy which was such a threat to peace, the restricted action of the Civil Rights Committee which it took President Eisenhower one year to appoint, and as soon as it was appointed its head endorsed a racist candidate in the campaign. Another reason cited was the refusal of the President or his staff to speak to anyone from the Youth March on Washington in connection with desegregation.

He also analized what had happened in New York State election. He said that Rockerfeller had been elected because he pretended to practically divorce himself from the administration, and mentioned the hard time Nixon had to even get him to have

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breakfast with him so that they could pose for pictures. Also Rockefeller had refused to talk about national issues despite Harriman's urglings and thus avoided getting the stigma of supporting unpopular Eisenhower issues. Albertson also said that the majority of the negroes had not been fooled into supporting the Republicans because although Eisenhower had sent troops into Little Rock last year, he had not done so when the schools had opened this September, and the schools there remained closed.

[redacted] announced that on Dec. 21, 1958 at 2:00 P.M. there would be a concert sponsored by the Committee for the Release of Winston and Green at the New Terrace Gardens, 2145 Boston Post Road, Bx.

The discussion period began and [redacted] asked how the people could be sure that the candidates who had been elected could be made to carry out their campaign pledges. [redacted] said that she was suprised that Alibertson thought that the election had been a victory for the workers, and that she could not see it. [redacted] spoke then, and in answer to [redacted] statement said that the election was a victory for the workers because of all those senators previously mentioned had been defeated so badly that they would probably never run again. He said that labor was not ready for a farmer labor party, but the fact that labor had been active in the campaign, and that they had defeated the right to work laws in 5 out of 6 states, was gratifying, and that the party must move in the direction as labor in order to win their confidence.

[redacted] said that Corliss Lamont would have gained a lot more votes if he had run as an independent candidate like [redacted] of Calif. instead of running on a ticket which had the word Socialist in it which had probably frightened a lot of workers who might have voted for him. [redacted] said that he was trying to get together the remnants of the west Bronx comrades, but that he was not meeting with much success. In his summary Bill Albertson said that although Davis had not won, his campaign had helped to make the Communist Party more popular. People were still coming to campaign headquarters for advice, and that seven new recruits joined the party in Harlem.

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Altogether they had gotten 19 new members as a result of the campaign. He also stated that about 200 youths were now in the process of taking Marxist courses. He said it was up to the people to see that the newly elected officers kept their promises as soon as they took office to stop filibustering and to work for Civil rights.

Albertson said that the Daily Worker was in pretty bad financial condition, and that unless funds were secured they would not be able to come out in the same form after the new year, and that the comrades and their friends would not like to have only a few sheets. It was very important to have a paper, and he advised everyone to heed the plea in the worker for contribution.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1945) DATE: 12/22/58
FROM :
SUBJECT : BRONX COMMUNIST PARTY, NORTHEAST SECTION
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Identity of Source: who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: Report of an open section meeting at 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx

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- 1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1-New York (100-131345)
- 1-New York (100-79717) (CP, USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (415)
- 1-New York (100-136397)
- 1-New York (100-118525) (BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE) (411)
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On 11-25-58 at 9:00 PM. there took place a open section meeting of the North east Bronx Communist Party at 683 Allerton Ave., Bronx, N.Y. Among those present were [redacted]

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the short, slim dark haired man was also present.

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[redacted] was busy at the entrance to the hall soliciting membership applicants to the Allerton Community Center. [redacted] reiterated the statement that she was not a member of the Communist Party and did not see eye to eye with her husband [redacted] on many things.

The chairman for this evening was [redacted] who welcomed the Communist Comrades and their friends. He apologized for not having a meeting sooner on the subject of analysis of the recent election and introduced William Albertson, the speaker of the evening on the elections.

Albertson hailed the great victory of the Democratic Party in most of the nation and this was a victory for the workers since they had not been so well organized in years.

The reasons Albertson gave for labors activity were the danger to labor organization from the right to work amendments in various states. There was also the great dangers to peace through Dulles' "Brinkmanship" foreign policy. The limited action of the Eisenhower in the civil rights field same under harassment. The President took over a year to appoint the head of the new Civil Rights Committee. The new chairmans first action was to contribute financially to a racist organization in Texas. The refusal of the federal administration to talk to anyone from the Youth's March on Washington was also cited.

Labor had also been stirred up by the Senate's Committee on Labors' actions against labor leaders. Mr.

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Albertson felt that labor should clean its own house.

The exception to the general tendencies in the election in New York State was analyzed. Mr Rockfellers election was largely due to his failure to talk about the national issues that so frightened labor and the fact that he never identified himself with the republicans in his campaign.

Albertson felt that the strength of labor in the last election was a great step in the Communist Party's desire for a farmer labor party. He also indicated that in the mass the negroes had not been fooled into supporting the Republicans because the sending of troops into Little Rock last year was not followed up this year to keep the schools open and unsegregated.

[redacted] announced that on December 21st at 2:00 P.M. there would be held a concert by the Committee for the release of Winston and Green at the New Terrace Garden, 2145 Boston Post Road, Bronx. The discussion period began. [redacted] asked how the candidates who were elected could be trusted to do what they had promised to do in their campaigns. [redacted] saw no difference between the Democrats and Republicans and she could not understand how the Democratic election victory was a victory for the workers. [redacted] said that many of the Senators who had been linked with Mc Carthy had been so badly defeated that they would never again lift their heads in political life and this was a victory for labor. He said that labor was not ready for a farmer labor party but this was a step in the right direction. The party must move in the same direction as labor if it wants a role in the future.

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[redacted] said that Corliss Lamont would have gained a lot more votes if Socialist had been left out of his party's name and gave as an example the many votes that [redacted] had gained by calling himself an independant candidate in California.

[redacted] stated he was working among former Communists in the the west Bronx but he was not meeting with much success but this was no time for discouragement.

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In his summary Bill Albertson spoke about Ben Davis's campaign and said that even though he had not won many votes the influence of the Communist Party was increasing. People were still coming to the campaign headquarters for advice on unemployment insurance problems. This reminded him of the Communist Party's popularity during the depression. He said that seven new recruits were gained by the Communist Party in Harlem. All together 19 new recruits came into the Communist Party in Manhattan. He repeated again that this was a great victory for labor in the past election. If the southern racist's left the democrats it would be a step towards a farmer labor party. He said that the people should keep after the newly elected candidates to keep their promises.

[redacted] told [redacted] that he had not yet seen [redacted]. He assured [redacted] that there was nothing to worry about. [redacted] business phone number is [redacted]

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[redacted] said that her husband paid more attention to political activity than their business, and his nephew ran the business.

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AIR TEL - AIR MAIL

To: Director, FBI (100-3-68)
From: SAC, New Orleans (100-4)
Re: CP - USA
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ReBulet to New York 12/2/58.

[redacted] advised on 12/16/58 that in informant's opinion there are twenty-two members of Communist Party in Louisiana. Difference between estimate of present membership and membership figure used in New Orleans Quarterly Report 10/2/58 due to two CP members moving out of state of Louisiana.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, OKLA. CITY (100-4913)

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ReBulet to New York, 12-2-58.

The following represents a list of individuals carried as members of the Communist Party in Oklahoma. There are no CP members in Arkansas. There have been no significant fluctuations in membership in the Oklahoma City Division during the quarter ending 12-31-58.

MEMBERSHIP

[redacted] the Financial Secretary of the combined Branches in Oklahoma City, advised on December 16, 1958, that she personally collects dues from the following:

- 3 - Bureau IMI
- 2 - New York IMI
- 2 - Okla. City

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2.			100-1200
3.			100-6671
4.			65-281
5.			100-2193
6.			100-6673
7.			100-6672
8.			100-6670
9.			61-31
10.			100-6675
11.			100-6676
12.			100-6677

[redacted] on 12-24-58 advised that from records available to him he knows that the above individuals are current dues-paying members of the C.P.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-66)

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SAC, DALLAS (100-671-4)

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ReBulet to New York, 12/12/56, and SAC Letter No. 91, Series 1949, dated 9/28/49.

Set forth below are the latest figures regarding the Communist Party membership in the Dallas Division:

<u>Nationality</u>		<u>Race</u>		<u>Sex</u>	
United States	22	White	17	Male	13
		Negro	5	Female	9
TOTAL:	22	TOTAL:	22	TOTAL:	22
Known Veterans:	8	Known Union Members:	UPWA		1

EMPLOYMENT

Attorney	1	Packinghouse Worker	1
Auto Mechanic	1	Printer	1
Farmex	1	Salesman	3
Housewife	6	TV Repairman	1
Laborer	2	Unemployed	1
Merchant	1	Welder	1
Office Worker	2		
TOTAL	22		

Set forth hereinafter are the sources which have identified the 22 persons as Communists who reside in the Dallas Division. All of the persons hereinafter mentioned have furnished reliable information in the past.

- 3 - Bureau (AM, RM)
 - 2 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - Dallas
- MHB:jh
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<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS REPORTED BY SOURCES AS CP MEMBERS</u>
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	TOTAL * * * * * 22

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The Communist Party membership during this quarter is the same as the preceding quarter, none of the Communist Party members having moved out of this area during this period.

12-31-58

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (100-9456)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
HOUSTON REGION
HOUSTON DIVISION
MEMBERSHIP
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(OO: New York)

Rebulet to New York, 12-2-58.

Notice requested that membership data be submitted to each the Bureau no later than January 7, 1959. There-fore, the following info is set forth for the Bureau and New York, office of origin:

MEMBERSHIP

Bureau File 100-3-68

Membership

Nationality
United States 7

Race
White 2
Negro 3

Sex
Male 4
Female 3

Union Affiliation

CPA 1

Veterans

Total 2

- 1 - Bureau (AMM)
- ② - New York (AMM) ~~(AMM)~~
- 1 - Houston

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OCCUPATIONS

Housewives	2
Laborer	1
Machinist	1
Oil worker	1
Rayon operator	1
Total	7

ADMINISTRATIVE

Listed below are the individuals comprising the membership of the Communist Party in the Houston area. Following the name of each listed by informants appear designations of "P" or "Q". "P" means the particular informant can state positively that the individual is a Communist Party member. "Q" means the particular informant can state tentatively that the individual is a Communist Party member.

The membership has been reduced by three since submission of last quarterly report. This is because two persons moved from the Houston Division and one has not shown any activity in recent months.

The sources set forth below may be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

<u>NAME</u>	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

January 2, 1959

SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-213)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
IS - C

Re: Bureau letter, dated December 2, 1958.

Most recent information indicates that there is no organized Communist Party activity in Kentucky and no Communist Party membership.

2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
① - New York (~~100-18481~~) (RM)
1 - Louisville (100-213)
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AIR MAIL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-5991)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
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SOUTHERN REGION
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Rebulet 12/2/58.

MEMBERSHIP

Informants T-1 and T-2 have reported there are former CP members, who although not organized in a CP group in N. C., continue to subscribe to the general CP program and hope for its reactivation in N. C. During the fourth quarter of 1958, 5 CP members have moved into N. C., 1 member has moved out of the state and 2 members have been deleted due to their inactivity. Therefore, based upon the best available information and estimation of confidential informants and sources, the individuals who subscribe to the Communist philosophy in the State of N. C. and the Western District of S. C. are as follows:

TABULATION

Total membership in the state of N. C.	21
Total membership in the Western District of N. C.	<u>0</u>
Total membership in the Charlotte Division	21

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- ② - New York (RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (100-5991)

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NATIONALITY

American

21

RACE

White
Negro

19
2
21

Total

Veterans (known)
Members of local unions (known)

10
6

Miscellaneous
Students
Housewives
Teachers
Labor union organizers
Small business proprietors
Unemployed
Laborers

3
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21

Total

ADMINISTRATIVE

Changes in the computation for this quarter are as follows:

[redacted] moved to Tennessee and has been deleted.

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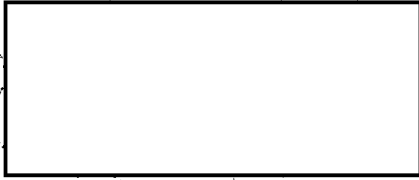
[redacted] have been deleted, as their record fail to disclose activity sufficient to qualify them for further consideration as Party members.

The following additions to this tabulation have recently moved to N. C.:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, ATLANTA
 SUBJECT : COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 MEMBERSHIP,
 SOUTHERN REGION,
 ATLANTA DIVISION
 IS - C

ReBulet 12/2/58.

CP membership in this area is estimated to be five members, all of whom are of the white race, and are native born Americans. Of the five individuals, two are estimated to be males, and three females. None of the five individuals are known to be affiliated with unions, and neither are they veterans of the Armed Forces. One of the members is employed as a faculty member in a Negro college; one is self-employed as a farmer, poet, and writer; one is a housewife; one is a housewife, and operator of an apartment house; and one is unemployed.

The above membership figure was determined on the basis of information furnished by informants in New York and Chicago, who made available 1956 Registration Data, and also taking into consideration the recent move of two CP members into this area from California.

Two of the above five members can positively be identified as CP members based on their payment of CP dues, and the other three are identified as tentative members based on available CP Registration data for 1956. RUC.

3 - Bureau (100-3-68) RM
 1 - New York (Info.) RM
 1 - Atlanta (100-4457)

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (134-14A-1443) DATE: 1/2/59
 FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON
 SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
 BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[Redacted] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	12/6/58 CP National Committee meeting	12/9/58	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[Redacted]

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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

For assistance in reviewing this report, a number in parenthesis () following a name or title set forth below will indicate that there is a reference to that name or title on the page or pages whose number will be enclosed in the parenthesis. Where no number is set out, it is suggested that the entire report be reviewed for information on the subject matter.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

cc's:
 3 - Buffalo (Registered Mail)
 100-16449 ORGANIZATION
 UNSUB: white, male, blond hair,
 partially bald, medium build,
 5'11" (3,6)
 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (6)
 2 - Butte (Registered Mail)
 ORGANIZATION
 UNSUB: white, male (3)

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cc's:

8 - Chicago (Registered Mail)
 100-18953 ORGANIZATION
 100-2749 MOLLIE WEST (3)
 100-2748 [REDACTED]
 61-867 CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT (3)
 UNSUB: white, male, 5'7" (4)
 UNSUB: white, male, slightly bald (4)
 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (6)
 4 - Cleveland (Registered Mail)
 100-17257 ORGANIZATION
 65-721 [REDACTED]
 100-4212 HYMAN LUMER (3)
 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (5,6)
 4 - Detroit (Registered Mail)
 100-2050 ORGANIZATION
 UNSUB: Negro, chairman of CP in Michigan (3,4)
 UNSUB: white, male (5)
 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (5,6)
 3 - Indianapolis (Registered Mail)
 100-11093 ORGANIZATION
 UNSUB: white, male, wore a hearing aid (3,5)
 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (5,6)
 3 - Los Angeles (Registered Mail)
 100-26044 ORGANIZATION
 100-4486 DOROTHY HEALEY (3)
 UNSUB: husband or boy friend of Dorothy Healey (3)
 4 - Minneapolis (Registered Mail)
 100-1878-P ORGANIZATION
 [REDACTED]
 UNSUB: white, male (3)
 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (5,6)
 5 - Newark (Registered Mail)
 100-4284 ORGANIZATION
 UNSUB: white, female (3)
 UNSUB: elderly white male (4)
 UNSUB: white, male (4)
 NEGRO QUESTION (7)

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cc)s:

35 - New York (Registered Mail)
 100-80641 ORGANIZATION, CP, USA
 100-27452 BOB THOMPSON (2,3,4,7,8)
 100-16785 JAMES JACKSON (2,3,4,6,8)
 100-18065 JACK STACHEL (2,3,6)
 100-8057 EUGENE DENNIS (2,3,4,5)
 BETTY GANNETT (2,3)
 100-25623 ERIK BERT (2,3)
 100-23825 BEN DAVID (2,3,6,7,8)
 100-1696 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (3,8)
 100-16021 ARNOLD JOHNSON (3,6)
 100-84275 WILLIAM PATTERSON (3)
 100-48033 IRVING POTASH (3,8)
 PAUL ROBESON, Jr. (3)
 JOE JOHNSON (3)
 [REDACTED]
 100-559 JESUS COLON (3)
 100-13203 [REDACTED]
 UNSUB: [REDACTED] CP org. in N.Y. (3)
 UNSUB: Negro porter at CP headquarters (3)
 UNSUB: probably of Spanish origin (4)
 UNSUB: Negro female MINNIE (LNU) (4)
 UNSUB: recording secretary at meeting (4)
 UNSUB: operator of tape recorder (4)
 100-79717 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (4,5,6)
 100-80640 NEGRO QUESTION (4,5,6,7,8)
 100-9365 WILLIAM Z. FOSTER (5,6)
 100-81675 PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (1,5)
 100-81752 BRIEF FILE (1,5)
 MEMBERSHIP (6)
 CP LINE (6,7,8)
 SECURITY MEASURES (7)
 UNSUB: male, Negro, under suspicion (7)
 UNSUB: male, Negro, friend of [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 WORKER (1)
 4 - Philadelphia (Registered Mail)
 100-31723 ORGANIZATION
 100-38020 JOE ROBERTS (3)
 65-1686 TOM NABRIED (3,7)
 NEGRO QUESTION (7)

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cc's:

- 2 - Pittsburgh (Registered Mail)
100-1763 STEVE NELSON (3)
ORGANIZATION
- 5 - San Francisco (Registered Mail)
ALBERT LANNON (2)
65-1242 MICKEY LIMA (3,5)
100-27747 ORGANIZATION
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (5,6)
UNSUB: white, male, 50 years old (7)
- 3 - Seattle (Registered Mail)
100-127 BURT NELSON (3,5)
ORGANIZATION
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (5,6)
- 3 - Springfield (Registered Mail)
ORGANIZATION
UNSUB: white, male, 5'7" (4)
UNSUB: white, male, slightly bald (4)
- 1 - Washington Field (Registered Mail)
ORGANIZATION

- 11 - Baltimore
100-12464 ORGANIZATION, MD.-DC
100-4090 BALTO. DIV., MD.-DC
100-11800 BRIEF FILE (1)
100-12125 PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (1)
100-21248 COMINFIL LAUNDRY, CLEANERS & DYEHOUSE WORKERS (2)
100-12485 NEGRO QUESTION (8)
100-12948 WORKER (1)
100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS (2,3,8)
100-10584 [REDACTED]
100-17509 [REDACTED]

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"Baltimore, Maryland
December 9, 1958

The following report concerns the CP National Committee meeting held at Yugoslav Hall in New York City on December 6, 1958.

The representatives for the Maryland - D. C. District, GEORGE MEYERS, Acting Chairman of the District, and [REDACTED] CP District Board member, drove to New York City, arriving at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, about 10:30 AM.

On arrival, MEYERS telephoned the Hotel Stanford, 48 West 32nd Street, and reserved a room.

MEYERS and [REDACTED] then went to the Banquet Room at Yugoslav Hall. They met BOB THOMPSON at the door. After a short conversation, JACK STACHEL came up and was introduced to [REDACTED]. The discussion continued. JAMES JACKSON then came up and joined the group.

JACKSON then spoke to [REDACTED] stating that he should have written to [REDACTED] thanking her for the hospitality which had been extended to him the previous year. [REDACTED] replied that he and his wife realized that JACKSON was very busy.

[REDACTED] and MEYERS then met EUGENE DENNIS and then talked briefly to BETTY GANNETT, who recalled that [REDACTED] had attended a birthday party given for AL LANNON several years ago.

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ERIK BERT, an employee of The Worker, then talked briefly with MEYERS and [REDACTED]. MEYERS pointed out to BERT that [REDACTED] had some information to give BERT relative to the Nu-Dy-Per strike in Baltimore.

BEN DAVIS then came up to MEYERS and [REDACTED] and talked to them briefly.

During the above conversation, a microphone was being set up and a tape recorder was fixed at the head of the room.

The meeting began about 11:40 AM. There was no heat in

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the room and most of the persons present wore heavy coats.

About 55 individuals were present at the meeting at one time or another. The following were identified as being present at the meeting at one time or another:

ERIK BERT
EUGENE DENNIS
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
ARNOLD JOHNSON
[REDACTED]

BEN DAVIS
BOB THOMPSON
HYMAN LUMER
GEORGE MEYERS
JAMES JACKSON

BURT NELSON from Washington State

WILLIAM PATTERSON
IRVING POTASH

JACK STACHEL
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (who was pointed out by MEYERS)

MOLLY WEST
[REDACTED]

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
TOM NABRIED
JESUS COLON
BETTY GANNETT
[REDACTED]

MICKEY LIMA
STEVE NELSON
[REDACTED]

A. KRCHMAREK
JOE JOHNSON

DOROTHY HEALEY (Present with her was a white male, tall, slender, who was probably her husband since he stayed with her at the Stanford Hotel.)

Also present and partially identified:

Negro male named [REDACTED] CP organizer in New York.
Negro male, porter at CP headquarters New York.
White male from Buffalo, 5'11" tall, medium build, blond hair, partially bald.

Unsub from Indiana, white, male, who wore a hearing aid.

Negro male from Michigan, who from conversation appeared to be the Chairman of the Party in Michigan. He took over later as Chairman for the meeting.

White male from Minnesota.

White male from Montana.

White female from New Jersey, who attended the Eastern

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CP Conference last Spring in New York.

Elderly white man from New Jersey wearing glasses, who had attended the Eastern CP Conference the previous Spring.

White male from New Jersey who had been at the Eastern CP Conference last Spring.

Dark complexioned man with foreign appearance, probably of Spanish origin, who had attended the Eastern CP Conference last Spring.

Two white men from Illinois. One 5'7" tall, slender, with bushy black hair. The other, medium build, slightly bald, whose mouth twisted to one side when he spoke.

Colored female named [REDACTED] years of age, dark complexion, very heavy build.

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THOMPSON opened the meeting and asked for the election of a Chairman. After some discussion the Negro who from conversation appeared to be the Chairman of the Michigan Party took over as Chairman for the meeting.

A Recording Secretary was then nominated. He remained in the back of the room for about an hour, and then came up front. He was a white man, 45 - 50 years, bald, about 5'7" in height, weighing about 145 lbs.

A white man operated the tape recorder. He had dark complexion, appearing to be of either Greek or Italian origin, 35 years of age, partially bald, 5'7" in height, slender build. Conversation at the meeting indicated that he was a member of the National Committee.

The Chairman told the group that the agenda for the day would include:

1. A report by EUGENE DENNIS on the November elections.
2. A report by JAMES JACKSON on new features of the

[REDACTED]

Negro question in the United States.

DENNIS then made a report on CP activities in connection with the November elections throughout the United States, and on perspectives of the CP for work in future elections. His report indicated that he felt that the trade union members had backed the Democratic Party, and had thus led to the defeat of the Republican "monopolists." DENNIS said that he felt that the CP had played a significant role in some areas, and had had an influence on the defeat of the right to work bills in various areas. DENNIS indicated that he felt that the Party could play a much greater role in future political activities.

The views expressed by DENNIS in his talk were fundamentally those set out by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in his statement to the National Committee entitled "Political Work in the Two Old Parties."

Following DENNIS's report, there was a report given by chairmen or representatives from the various areas throughout the United States. The chairman of the meeting prior to these reports requested that the district chairman from each area give a report on election work done in their particular area.

MICKEY LIMA spoke of political activities by the CP in California, which he said led to the defeat of a right to work bill.

A. KRCHMAREK reported on the Ohio elections.

[REDACTED] gave an account of CP activities in the Minneapolis area.

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A man from Indiana with a hearing aid reported on activities in his area.

BURT NELSON told of the political situation in Washington State.

A white man gave an account of the situation in Michigan. He acted in place of the chairman of the meeting.

[REDACTED] described the situation in Illinois.

BEN DAVIS then spoke at length on CP political activities in New York. He said that the Party had helped elect [REDACTED]. He mentioned that the CP had held a meeting in front of the Hotel Theresa during the campaign and 2,000 people had appeared. DAVIS said that 20 persons were recruited into the CP during the campaign, and cited this as proof that the Party could recruit in New York City. DAVIS mentioned that on many occasions during the campaign persons walked up to him and gave him money.

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ARNOLD JOHNSON then made some further comments on political activities in the New York area, and a man from Buffalo, New York, described elections in his area.

All of the above individuals who spoke on CP political activities in their respective areas claimed that the CP had played a significant role in the elections in their area. They all felt that the future of the CP with regard to political activities was promising.

At this point JACK STACHEL moved that the meeting send a telegram to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, and this was approved.

The meeting then recessed for lunch at 1:00 PM. The lunch took place in the building.

At 2:15 PM, the meeting was reconvened.

JAMES JACKSON then made his report on new features of the Negro question, and called for a discussion.

About 15 persons in all then came to the microphone, one after the other, most of them being Negroes. From their talk it appeared that most of them were from the New York area. They all spoke on the principle of self-determination; that is, whether a portion of the United States should be set aside for the Negroes, and varying views were expressed.

One of the colored men who came to the microphone was

[REDACTED]

pointed out by BEN DAVIS as being under suspicion as an informer. This individual talked about the situation in Alabama. His appearance was as follows: 30 - 35 years, 125 lbs., small build, close cut hair, brown skin, small features, heavy mustache.

Another individual who came to the microphone from later conversation claimed to be a close friend of [REDACTED] National Representative of the NMU in New York City. This person was a colored man, 25 years of age, 5'6" tall, small build, seaman by profession, and apparently a member of a CP club in New York.

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Among the white men who spoke in the discussion, there was one from New Jersey and one from New York. The man from New Jersey indicated that he was opposed to self-determination at the present time since if the Negroes all moved into one area, the white people would deny them capital.

TOM NABRIED and BEN DAVIS spoke during this above discussion, indicating that they were in favor of JACKSON's report.

BOB THOMPSON then took the floor, stating that he thought the discussion had been healthy and that he felt that the past Party policy on self-determination had been correct at the time, but that things changed, and that he felt that the emphasis should now be placed upon getting votes for the Negroes. He said that he felt that the Negroes in spreading throughout the United States had taken a position in the American way of life in general, and occupied an important place in trade unions.

About 10:15 PM, the chairman asked if the meeting should be adjourned.

A white man about 50 years of age, 5'7" in height, with snow white hair and a stocky build, who appeared to be well educated, rose from his position with the California group. He moved that the JACKSON report be accepted.

The chairman ruled out the motion, stating that there had not been sufficient discussion. Further discussion

[redacted]

from the persons present finally led to a decision by the chairman that the discussion would be continued on December 7, 1958, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:50 PM.

After the meeting GEORGE MEYERS, EUGENE DENNIS, BEN DAVIS, BOB THOMPSON, IRVING POTASH, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, and [redacted] sat down together and discussed the meeting.

DAVIS asked how those present felt about the discussion.

THOMPSON said that he had been surprised by the fact that the Negroes appear to be undecided about the present applicability of the principle of self-determination. He pointed out that the CP did not feel that this was the time to establish a Negro nation within the United States. He noted, however, that some of the Negroes who had spoken up during the discussion on the JACKSON report seemed to want such a nation.

[redacted] then pointed out that he thought the discussion had been helpful, but criticized the white members for not participating more fully in the discussion. [redacted] said that he felt that the Negroes should have been shown that the white comrades were ready to participate with them in their struggle.

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JAMES JACKSON then joined the group.

DAVIS asked [redacted] how the Negroes in the Maryland area felt about the JACKSON report. [redacted] replied that they agreed with the report, and felt that at the present time the Negroes should concentrate on securing their civil rights. [redacted] then added that he agreed with BOB THOMPSON in that the CP should continue to use the expression, self-determination, but it should only be used when the situation would be applicable. [redacted] added that he felt that the expressions, self-determination and Negro and white unity, could be used by the Party at different times and in different places.

The group broke up about 11:15 PM."

[redacted]

This memo has been compared with informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

On 12/9/58, [redacted] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON a one page mimeographed sheet addressed "To All District Organizers" which was stated to be a picture of the status of Worker subscriptions and bundles throughout the United States for the months of January and November, 1958, to show comparison. [redacted] said he secured the sheet at the National Committee meeting of 12/6/58. This sheet is being retained in [redacted]

A copy of above sheet has been sent to New York with a Cinal.

On 12/9/58, [redacted] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON a one page pamphlet dated 12/2/58 which was addressed "To the National Committee" and signed "WM. Z. FOSTER." The pamphlet was received by [redacted] on 12/6/58 at the National Committee meeting. In brief, it referred to the National Executive Committee statement adopted 11/21/58 entitled "Towards the Unity of the Party," and went on to warn of the left and right danger, citing the right as the main danger. SA NORTON photostated the pamphlet on 12/9/58, and returned the original to [redacted] on 12/9/58. On 12/9/58, informant initialed the photostats (3) to indicate they were identical with the original. Copies of the pamphlet have been sent to New York with a Cinal. The photostats (3) are being retained in [redacted]

On 12/9/58, [redacted] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON three pamphlets which he had received at the CP National Committee meetings on 12/6/58. The pamphlets, which are as follows: 1. 4 page pamphlet by JAMES JACKSON entitled "Program in Regard to 'Black Belt,'" 2. 3 page pamphlet entitled "Resolution on Theoretical Aspects of the Negro Question in the United States," 3. 3 page pamphlet by JAMES JACKSON entitled "The Class Forces in the Negro Peoples Movement," were photostated by SA NORTON on 12/9/58. On 12/9/58, the originals were returned to [redacted] who at that time initialed the photostats to indicate that they were identical with the originals. The photostats are being retained in [redacted]

On 12/9/58 [redacted] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON a four page pamphlet entitled "Political Work in the Two Old Parties," which he said he had received at the 12/6/58 National CP meeting. On

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12/9/58, SA NORTON photostated the pamphlet, and on that date returned the original to [REDACTED] who then initialed the photostats to indicate they were identical with the original. The photostats are being retained in [REDACTED]

SAC, LOS ANGELES

1/12/53

SAC, NEW YORK (100-8170)

RE: ALGERIA
NY - C

Identity of Source

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (confidential)

Description of Info

Discussion JOSEPH POLIGNESE and DELLA ALGERIA and regarding petitions to abolish House Un-American Activities Committee, on 12/21/52

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Date Received

1/8/53

Received by

[redacted]

Original located

[redacted]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of informant's report follows:

2 - Los Angeles (100-) (FRANK WILKINSON) (RM)
(1-100-) (ROBERT WILKINSON)

[redacted]

- 1 - New York (100-198170) (JOSEPH POLIGNESE)
- 1 - New York (100-26893-840) (FRANK CORBET CP) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-10520) (CP, USA - EMERGENCY CIVIL LEADERS COMMITTEE) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-107419) (EMERGENCY CIVIL LEADERS COMMITTEE) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-120770) (FRANK WILKINSON) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-) (FRANK WILKINSON) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80143) (RM)

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On 12/21/53-S 30 Mr Joseph Polichetti and Bella Altschuler discussed the signing of the petitions to abolish the House UnAmerican Activities Committee at Ballin House 2/31 Parkers Ave Br N.Y.C.

Bella said the County C.P. of the Bronx told her that it is important that these petitions are signed and collected as soon as possible for they must be in the hands of James Roosevelt Congressman of California before Congress goes into session for 1954. Congressman Roosevelt will at that time if he has the support of over 100 Congressmen he will introduce a bill to abolish the H.U.A.C. So it is also important that Committees throughout the Bronx visit the Congressman in their district to seek their views on this matter of abolishing the H.U.A.C.

Since the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee 421 - 7th Ave N.Y.C. is leading this Campaign with the state of California Congressman which number 17 or more. In California Frank Wilkinson and Dorothy Marshall who have ~~started~~ started a 100,000 signature Campaign which they reported that already more than 50,000 persons have signed up.

She was also told to form a Committee to visit all the Congressmen of the Bronx within the next two weeks.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C325)(#421) DATE: 1/14/59

FROM : [Redacted]

SUBJECT: PROSPECT SECTION, BRONX COUNTY CP
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Identity of Source [Redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Report of a CP meeting of the Prospect Club, 12/30/58.

Date Received 1/2/59

Received By [Redacted]
Original Located [Redacted]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of informant's report follows:

DECLASSIFICATION BY *1259 JSP/mcp*
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- [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C401)(BRONX COUNTY CP)(#421)
- 1 - New York (100-99195) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C1931)(EAST BRONX SECTION CP)(#421)
- 1 - New York (100-71043) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-87211)(CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)(#415)
- 1 - New York (100-89179) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-7664) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100- [Redacted]) (NEGRO WOMEN'S LEAGUE)
- 1 - New York (100-135170) [Redacted]

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1 - New York (100-95240) (LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE) (#411)
1 - New York (100-85233) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-8522) (AMERICAN LABOR PARTY) (#411)
1 - New York (100-135535) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-31019) (CP - INFILTRATION INTO LABOR) (#416)
1 - New York (100-108992) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-106044) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-133566) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-135195) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-135246) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING) (#415)
1 - New York (100-118525) (BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE) (#411)
1 - New York (100-26603) (CP, NYS) (#416)
1 - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (#415)
1 - New York (100-25780) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-9224) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-7629) (NAACP) (#411)
1 - New York (100-128812) (CP, NYS - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (#416)
1 - New York (100-62881) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (#415)

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12-31-58

On december 30th, 1958 at 9 PM the regular meeting of the Prospect Club of the Bronx County Communist Party was held at the residence of [redacted] New York, NY.

There were eight (8) persons present at this meeting, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that while she was attending a State Communist Party meeting on the night of december 29th, 1958 that she received special commendation and praise for her excellant acheivements and accomplishments in the Bronx. [redacted] stated that she was especially commended for her work of and with the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee. Again [redacted] stated that her work and success with the Brcnx Civil Liberties Committee is being used and spotlighted as a nationwide example by the National Communist Party as well as being injected into the whole National Communist Party program throughout the United States. [redacted] at this point made brief referrence to past national crisis of the Communist Party, and stated that her group is one of the first 1st to have emerged since the crisis. [redacted] told all present that they are the one's to receive the praise and to be thankful that they have made this success possible. [redacted] stated that as a result of the emergence and success of her group and BCLC, that replicas of the BCLC will be set up and organized all over the U.S., including all boroughs of New York. She stated that Manhattan (NYC) due to its relatively large population would have two (2), three (3) or more such organizations. [redacted] predicted a successful resurgence of the Communist Party. At this point of meeting, [redacted] stated and announced the education period. However it appeared obvious that the education period was directed primarily to new club members [redacted] stated that she would define, and explain work and objectives

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of the revisionist's within the communist party, so that all present at this meeting would be better able to recognize them. [] stated that the communist party split into two factions, she stated, that one (1) is the regular communist party and the other or second being the revisionist group, who consist of many good honest and sincere people who have been long time members of the communist party, many of them very hard workers for the communist party in past years. [] stated that this group consists of such honest but mislead persons as Corliss Lamont, []

[] stated that revisionist's although honest, sincere, and good people, nevertheless are a destructive lot (group), due to their opposing view with the communist Party, that working on a united front is not necessary towards implementation of socialism in the United States. [] stated that the American Labor Party, the Labor Youth League as with other now extinct CP front organizations were liquidated by revisionist with-in the communist party. [] cited as an example the Negro Womens League. She stated that this NWL had a membership of three thousand - 3,000 persons who were told that the organization was no longer necessary and therefor liquidated. [] stated that the revisionist would tell members of such liquidated organizations to join up with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other organizations. [] stated that front organizations like ALP., LYL and many others toppled and were liquidated all in like manner by the revisionist's within the communist Party. [] stated, "you just dont tell people an organization is not necessary, therefor liquidated, and for them to join an organization just for the sake of joining. People just dont accept a change like this, unless they believe in the organization. [] stated that the revisionist crippled the communist Party to such extreme and devastation as a result of its liquidating of all communist front organizations in past, under the guise of (no longer needed) that it is only now, at present that the communist party has finally begin to recover and to reassert itself.



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[] stated that the communist party learned a lot from this past experience and that the revisionist group who constituted a split in the CP. during the November, 1958 elections in New York City and who had 49,000 votes, in need of one thousand (1,000) extra votes, which would have given them the 50,000 fifty thousand votes necessary to be on the ballot as a permanent party, ranking as a major party alongside of the democratic and republican parties, were checkmated and stopped because the communist party, quote, we did not give them those extra votes, we could have given them a thousand votes but we did not.

[] gave a brief on the history of the American Labor Movement, from [] World War I through and up to present date. [] stated that the southern part of the United States is the toughest to organize, due to existence of state legislature forbidding union activities and due to pitting of White against black. [] stated that the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have just merged, but only on a National executive level, however the rank and file of these organizations are not merged. [] instructed group and all present that their prime objective as members of the communist party is to forge a unification of all organized labor in the United States.

[] stated that ways means and methods of achieving this objective will be discussed at the next regular Prospect Club meeting.

[] stated that the recent newspaper strike in New York City displayed some wonderful developments, that this was the very first 1st time in this country that a craft union, which has a tradition that goes all the way back to the first newspapers as well as a tradition, of having to be a relative of the boss or a big shot in order to become a member of such union, solidly supported a non-crafts union, as in the case of the printers union's staunch support of the truck drivers union, the teamsters, the union I tried to get Ronald in.

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[] also stated that this newspaper strike was and is the first 1st one to have ever been entirely settled by the rank and file.

She stated that rank and file dictated their approval of contract and fully decided upon reatification or non ratification of contract with employers, rather than the leadership of their union. She stated that allways in the past it has been the union leadership who had made such decisions.

[] questioned, [] as to what in her judgement was responsible for the union rank and file taking the initiative on this particular occasion, contrary to their performance in the past on such matters, rather than the leadership to whom such initiative action has been traditional? [] stammered out a reply, but did not answer [] question. [] stated that perhaps responsible or democratic minded leadership within the crafts union was responsible. At this point [] stated that the Taft Hartley Law has, "some good feature's). She stated that the T.H.L. requires that union leadership present all prospective agreements between companies (employers) and rank and file for their ratification or non-acceptance, and not because the union or its leaders are democratic. [] stated that in her opinion the single factor, is the growing and ever increaseing awareness of the rank and file, and that we can expect to see more action on the part of the rank and file in years to come.

[] stated that Jimmy Hoffa will succeed in organizaing the police and fire departments and that labor will succeed in getting a 4½ day work week.

[] critically stated that he is nevered informed as to policies of the State or County communist party. He stated that the club is the place were he should be so informed and posted. [] answered by stateing that [] is the section organizer and that its her responsibility to so inform club. [] that she knows that [] and others talk and tells him

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[redacted] what is going on. [redacted] stated to [redacted] that they [redacted] and others are wrong and that they should not talk with him outside of club on policy etc. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] have the right to talk whatever, and to whomever they please, especially considering that [redacted] is practically a next door neighbor of his. [redacted] stated that this is true, but she has no right to take you and [redacted] and tell you to go here and there, after all there is much work for you two right here with the club. [redacted] raised question as to the vacuum that BCLC finds itself in the Bronx. He suggested possibility of formation of another BCLC in South East Bronx. [redacted] suggested possibilities of BCLC which and as now exists, floating its meetings around the Bronx. [redacted] stated that he commends [redacted] on his fine thought and that he did have in mind adding the self same thought.

[redacted] explained and stated to group that only principal questions involving BCLC are to be discussed at club meetings, that general questions and topics concerning BCLC must be confined to BCLC meetings. Stressed and stated by [redacted] was forbiddance of club members to interject any remarks whatsoever of activities of club at BCLC meetings.



Question raised on floor concerning new BCLC member [redacted] questioned [redacted] as to how [redacted] became associated with group. (BCL) [redacted] stated that she sold him [redacted] a ticket to a BCLC affair. [redacted] asked group if they were in accord as to approaching [redacted] on his willingness to join the communist Party. She stated that [redacted] has been associated with BCLC for a period of (6) six months, Lives in Housing Project, "same as [redacted] with his mother and dad, attends college, wants to be a psychologist. [redacted] [redacted] said he was for asking [redacted] the question, [redacted] stated that what the party needs is young blood, he is only [redacted] years old. [redacted] and others stated that they were in favor of the wait see policy, stated they want to work in closer contact with [redacted] to feel him out. [redacted] stated to [redacted] that they too were discussed at club meeting prior to their subsequent acceptance and induction

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into the communist Party. She said that all potential communist party members are allways so discussed and considered at closed communist party meetings. [] announced that the prospect club of the communist party will henceforth meet on tuesday's.

[] to prepare a report on his union, its background and history for presentation at the next regular meeting of the prospect club, to be held on January _____

[] stated that it is still necessary that subscriptions come in for the Daily Worker. [] stated that she would give [] a list of communist party persons, who had dropped out or just stopped coming to meetings so that he could sign them up as subscribers to the Daily Worker. X

[] instructed [] to sell ten (10) subscriptions of the Daily Worker, and stated that she would in return for his acheivemment give or make a party for his family. [] and stated that he would attempt to secure (10) ten subs.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

Date: 1/27/59

FROM: SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, New York, 1/20/59, reflects activity of CP, USA for the quarterly period, 10/1/58 to 12/31/58. Details of such activity may be found in above report under the following headings:

- Organization
- Funds
- Security Measures
- Factionalism
- International Relations
- Political Activities

- 1- NY (100-80641) (CP, USA - Organization) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80638) (CP, USA - Membership) (415)
- 1- NY (100-74560) (CP, USA - Funds) (415)
- 1- NY (100-81338) (CP, USA - Security Measures) (415)
- 1- NY (100-96985) (CP, USA - Underground Operations) (415)
- 1- NY (100-87211) (CP, USA - Factionalism) (415)
- 1- NY (100-86624) (CP, USA - International Relations) (415)
- 1- NY (100-88123) (CP, USA - United Nations) (415)
- 1- NY (100-87212) (CP, USA - Colonial Matters) (415)
- 1- NY (100-79717) (CP, USA - Political Activities) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80636) (CP, USA - Legislative Activities) (415)
- 1- NY (100-89691) (CP, USA - Domestic Administration Issues) (415)
- 1- NY (100-89590) (CP, USA - Strategy in Industry) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80640) (CP, USA - Negro Question) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80644) (CP, USA - Youth Matters) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80643) (CP, USA - Women Matters) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80634) (CP, USA - Farmer Matters) (415)
- 1- NY (100-88297) (CP, USA - Cultural Activities) (415)
- 1- NY (100-79498) (CP, USA - Veterans Matters) (415)
- 1- NY (100-54651) (CP, USA - National Groups) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80864) (CP, USA - Religion) (415)
- 1- NY (100-81675) (CP, USA - Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
- 1- NY (100-80633) (CP, USA - Education) (415)
- 1- NY (100-133902) (CP, USA - Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations) (415)

1- NY (100-4931) (415)

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Attempts of Communist Party to Infiltrate
Mass Organizations

No pertinent information concerning the following
was developed for inclusion in above report:

Membership
Underground Operations
United Nations
Colonial Matters
Women Matters
Veterans Matters

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-3385)

WILLIAM E. FORSTER
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NY 1697-33, on 12/23/58, advised that ALEXANDER TRACHENBERG had a conversation with WILLIAM E. FORSTER and EMMETT KOLKO on that date. TRACHENBERG told FORSTER that he was leaving for Moscow shortly and that he planned to spend New Year's with his brother in Moscow. He said that his brother is 62 years old and retired. KOLKO gave TRACHENBERG a letter of introduction to [redacted] who is also in Moscow. This letter was written by [redacted]. TRACHENBERG stated that he was flying and that he would spend 3/4 of a day in London, 3/4 of a day in Paris, and then he would catch a plane in Brussels for Moscow. He said that he expected to make the trip in 4 days starting on Sunday and arriving on Wednesday.

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- 3- Newark (RM)
 - (1- Newark 100-18765 EMMETT KOLKO)
 - (1- Newark 100-40101 EMMETT KOLKO)
- 1- New York (100-24733) (EMMETT KOLKO) (415)
- 1- New York (100-47030) (EMMETT KOLKO) (415)
- 1- New York (100-119580) (EMMETT VAN BUREN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-52389) (CHAS LAMM) (421)
- 1- New York (100-82588) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80341) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (415)
- 1- New York (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHENBERG) (415)
- 1- New York (100-3385) (WILLIAM E. FORSTER) (415)

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FOSTER explained to TRACHTENBERG that [redacted] is now in Moscow. He stated that before [redacted] went he tried to get credentials from the Party and consulted GENE DENNIS regarding this. DENNIS told [redacted] that he did not have the right to issue these credentials and said that, although he did not object if [redacted] went, he would have to wait for a full meeting of the National Committee to get their approval. FOSTER said that [redacted] came to him and complained that if he had to wait he would miss a meeting with the African delegates and asked FOSTER if he should go. FOSTER said that he should go as a tourist if he could not get Party credentials. FOSTER professed a liking for [redacted] and described him as a fine young alert Negro with a good reputation who fought the right wing in the Party. FOSTER said that he told [redacted] that when he got to Moscow the Russians would be sure to ask him questions about factionalism in the Party and instructed him to tell them the name of each group and name the leader of the right wing, middle, left wing, and ultra-left.

TRACHTENBERG told FOSTER that the Party now had less than 2000 members (New York members?). He further advised there were only 2 section organizers left in Brooklyn.

1/6/59

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-16906)

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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Re Airtel to NY, 12/2/58, instant caption.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. Total Membership of Mich. District, CP

(OSDE 623-S*) On 6/24/58, [redacted] (District Organizational Secretary) indicated that thus far the following number of individuals have been registered in District:

Council or Section

East Side	17
West Side	71
Nationality Groups	71
Industrial	17
Benton (Flint)	0
Western Mich.	5
Miscellaneous	3
Total	184

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(OSDE 623-S*) On 8/13/58, [redacted] advised that thus far within the District, the following number of individuals had been registered:

- 3 - Bureau (AM-RM)
- 1 - New York (100-2931) (AM-RM)
- 2 - Detroit
(1 - 100-16906)

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Council or Section

East Side	17
West Side	69
Nationality Groups	70
Industrial	16
Western Mich.	5
Benton (Flint)	0
Miscellaneous	3
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[redacted] noted that 3 members have moved and one died.

[redacted] advised on 12/20/58 that he estimated the membership of the Mich. District to be 450 with between 250 and 275 of those outside the Detroit area.

[redacted] advised on 12/22/58 that he estimated the membership of the Mich. District to be between 200 and 250.

[redacted] advised on 12/22/58 that he estimated the membership of the Mich. District to be 450 with approximately 250 of those outside the Detroit area.

[redacted] advised on 12/22/58 that there are 24 members within the East Side Council of the District.

[redacted] advised on 9/26/58 that there are 6 members within the Youth Club of the West Side Council, Mich. District.

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[redacted] advised on 12/20/58 that there are 10 members of the McGraw Club of the West Side Council.

[redacted] advised on 12/22/58 that there 3 members of the Grand Rapids Club of the Western Mich. Section.

[redacted] advised on 12/28/58 that there are 3 members of the Muskegon Club of the Western Mich. Section of the District.

B. Registration and Recruiting

[redacted] advised on 9/29/58 that a meeting of the Nationality Groups Council was held. [redacted] stated all clubs should get dues in by regular collection at their meetings so that new

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registration of members could be started in about 3 months without two-thirds of membership being behind in their dues.

[redacted] advised that a meeting of Youth Club of District was held 10/14/58. The District is planning on holding a state conference in the future and some of the points for discussion will be: How can the CP be built stronger; how can the Party reach old members that have quit and get them to re-enter the Party.

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the Nationality Groups Council was held 11/10/58. [redacted] requested that all members of the Council furnish the names of young adults who are logical ones to be contacted by the CP as the reorganizing of young adult clubs is a major concern of the Party. Two of the members of the Council are also working on recruiting within the various locals and will probably stress contacts with young people of the locals.

(DE 615-S*) advised that a meeting of the Nationality Groups Council was held 11/24/58, at Detroit. [redacted] announced that the Executive Committee wanted everyone paid up by Jan. 1 (1959) because registration would start on the 1st. He stated that registration material will be distributed in a couple of weeks.

(DE 615-S*) advised that on 12/8/58 a meeting of the Nationality Groups Council was held in Detroit. [redacted] chaired the meeting and the agenda consisted of organization questions pertaining to recruiting. ALLAN emphasized that CP effort be channeled toward completion of fund drive and the recruiting of new members and reregistration of members who dropped away from the Party. Plans were made to form a miscellaneous group into which recruits might be channeled where no foreign language would be spoken. Recruiting efforts are to be extended to former IWO members and similar organizations.

C. General Information

(DE 615-S*) advised that on 9/29/58 a meeting of the Nationality Groups Council was held in Detroit. Discussion centered around the dues status of the various clubs within the Council.

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(NY 615-3*) advised on 10/27/58 that a meeting of the Nationality Groups Council was held that date in Detroit. Discussion centered around dues and membership problems of various clubs within the Council.

[redacted] advised as file NY 615-3* above concerning the meeting, 10/27/58.

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the Nat Turner Club, Mich. District, CP, was held 10/26/58. Discussion centered around fact that members who are employed in a shop should devote their time with the Party in a community club regarding community problems. It was also pointed out that several years ago when CP removed members from community clubs and placed them in shop clubs, many were lost in shuffle.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Total Membership:

Registered

The Detroit Div. feels that the Mich. District, CP's registered membership as of 8/13/58 was 180, per CSDE 623-8* on 8/13/58, this being a drop from the 184 furnished by the same Informant on 6/24/58; the drop being accounted for by the Informant due to 3 moved, and one deceased.

Estimated

[redacted] advised on 12/22/58 that he estimated there were between 200 and 250 members of the Mich. District, CP. He advised that he could not estimate of this number how many were outside of the Detroit area.

The total estimated figure for the membership of the Mich. District, CP, is still believed to 250 members.

It is noted that [redacted] on 12/20/58 estimated the Mich. District's membership at 450 with approximately 250 to 275 outside Detroit. On 1/5/59, this Informant orally gave as the reason for this estimate the basis that it was about one-half of the subscribers to "The Worker," also that the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) has a mailing list of about 300 names of persons residing outside Detroit; however, the Informant stated she had no actual CP membership figures and the above is a "guess or estimate."

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On 12/22/58, [redacted] estimated the Mich. District, CP's membership at about 450 members. On 1/5/59, he orally stated his estimate was based on utilizing a guess of one-half of 820 subscribers to "The Worker" in Mich. He estimated about 250 members reside outside the Detroit area. He also used in his estimate the 300 plus MCPFB mailing list for outside Detroit.

It is felt by this division that the estimates of [redacted] and [redacted] at best are excessive on the over-all figure as it is believed that the District's membership outside Detroit is relatively small. However, their estimate for the Detroit area is felt close to our estimate.

The estimate by [redacted] of 200 to 250 is believed to be close to the actual figure as this informant is in close contact with [redacted] and in the past [redacted] has given him an inkling as to the membership figure. Further, as CSDF 623-S* has pointed out in the past and again on 8/13/58, the District only had 5 registered for Western Mich. and none for Benton (Flint). [redacted] and [redacted] both residents of Western Mich., between them only list a total of 11 dues-paying members in their area. [redacted] on 12/22/58 stated the membership of the East Side Council was 24, thus utilizing the figures of CSDF 622-S* on 9/13/58 plus those of [redacted] you arrive at an adjusted figure of 191.

To date, this office has positively identified a total of 181 members which is in line with the afore-mentioned, and tentatively identified 93 more for a total of 274. As was pointed out in my last explanation, some of the positively identified membership data goes back to Feb., 1957, and they might not have been reregistered in 1958.

Therefore, 180 registered members, 250 estimated members, 181 positively identified, 93 tentatively identified.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 23, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Enclosed herewith are two Photostats of a chart setting forth the estimated Communist Party membership as of December 31, 1958, by states and territories, by field divisions and by Communist Party districts as well as comparative estimated membership by field divisions for the four past quarterly periods.

These charts are being furnished for your information and should not be incorporated in any reports prepared by your office.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1931)(#421) DATE: 1/27/59

FROM : [Redacted]

SUBJECT: EAST BRONX SECTION CP
IS - C

Identity of Source [Redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Report of a meeting of the Prospect Club of the CP at 3810 Park Avenue, Bronx, NY, 1/13/59

Date Received 1/19/59

Received By [Redacted]

Original Located [Redacted]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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 - 1 - New York (100-26603-C40)(BRONX COUNTY CP)(#421)
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 - 1 - New York (100-99195)(SOL FELLER)(#421)
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January 14, 1959

On Tuesday, January 13, 1959 at 8:30 P.M. in apartment [redacted] Bronx, N.Y. a meeting of the Prospect Club of the Communist Party of the Bronx was held. The chairman was [redacted]

Before the meeting formally began [redacted] called each member separately and registered them in the Communist Party. She stated that this was done twice a year - early in January and early in July. The questions she asked, and the answers to the, were noted on a mimeographed piece of paper. She asked sex, age, color, national origin, occupation, and length of time in party. The members were listed by numbers. Names were not used.

The meeting went approximately as follows:

[redacted] called the meeting to order.

[redacted] gave [redacted] a letter to read. This letter was from the National Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S. The National Committee was appealing to the Communist members of the U.S. to give them permission to postpone the 17th National Committee Convention of the Communist Party of the U.S. from May, 1959 to late November, 1959. The letter stated that the National Committee

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- ① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-135535) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-133698) (AMNESTY COMMITTEE FOR GREEN AND WINSTON) (#411)
- 1 - New York (100-97167) (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (#411)
- 1 - New York (100-135246) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-133566) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-108992) [redacted]

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wishes to hold its future annual conventions after the November elections. The Prospect Club members voted unanimously in favor to postpone the annual conventions to late November.

[redacted] stating that she was the section representative, gave the section report. She stated, among other things, that in 1958 there were 2,600 Communist members in New York State; that there were 266 of these members in N.Y.C.; that there were 59 of these members in the East Bronx. [redacted] then stated that the goal for 1959 was to increase the N.Y.S. membership to 3,000, bringing the N.Y.C. total to 300 and the East Bronx total to 65.

[redacted] then explained the registration that she had taken before the meeting had started. She stated that it was taken twice a year- the more important registration being in early January. She stated that up to and including January 21 registration was taken in the manner in which she had done it. She stated that 60% of the members are usually registered by that time. After January 21 an open letter requesting membership would be in the Daily Worker. She stated that no names were ever used in registration- each member is given a number and any communication with that member is by that number. She stated that she did not yet know what numbers had been assigned to the members but that when she did she would tell the members what their numbers were.

Discussion followed on the attempt to pass an anti-filibuster bill through Congress. It was stated that progress was being made in this direction.

Discussion followed on the recent picketing of Sears-Roebuck and Co. stores in N.Y.C. It was stated that the picketing was successful in that Sears-Roebuck and Co. agreed to hire more negro personnel.

[redacted] a letter to read. This letter was from Arnold Johnson and requested the Communist clubs throughout the country to do their utmost to have reprinted in local papers an ad which appeared in the N.Y. Times requesting amnesty for Green and Winston.

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Literature was offered for sale. The January, 1959 edition of Political Affairs was sold and a booklet entitled, "Smith Act Bulletin" was distributed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 1959. [redacted] stated that it would be a sectional meeting and that when she knew where it will be held she she would inform the members.

Those present were:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1916) (421)
FROM : SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)
SUBJECT: SW BRONX CLUB
IS - C

DATE: 2/3/59

Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal)

Description of info Meeting of SW Bronx Club on 1/15/59

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Date received 1/20/59

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Original location [redacted]

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- 1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (415)
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- 1 - NY 100-16735 (JIM JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-96265 [redacted]
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Jan. 18/59

The regular meeting of the West Bronx C.P. club met at the home of [redacted] at 8:30 P.M. Jan. 15/59.

Those present were-

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] was late getting there and [redacted] said she might not come as she was being followed lately by the F.B.I. and was afraid she would lead them to their meeting place if she came. There was some discussion and a few tales about how the others had been "bothered" by the F.B.I. [redacted] said that they often called up and asked silly questions about some one they did not know or who was altogether non-existent. She said her husband talked to one one night and he asked him for information about some one they did know but the F.B.I. agent openly told him who he was. [redacted] said her husband told the man that he thought the F.B.I. was only interested in criminals and since he was not a criminal and did not have any thing to do with criminals he did not see what he could tell him that would be any good. She said the man gave the name of [redacted] While [redacted] was telling this, [redacted] came in. They asked her how she had figured it was safe to come if she was being followed and she said she and a friend had gone shopping for 2 hours and they figured that if any one was watching they would give up the idea of following them after 2 hours of going into one shop and another. Besides she took a taxi at the last minute and watched to see if the car was followed and was very sure it was not.

[redacted] said that the F.B.I. agents were a stupid lot and [redacted] told her they were not stupid at all but as clever as foxes. [redacted] told [redacted] not to underestimate them, and [redacted] said about the same.

The agenda-

1. [redacted] report on the National and County Committees. (About the C.P. registration).

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2. [redacted]
3. Sears and Robuck strike
4. Cuba ----- Cuba was not mentioned
5. The next Seminar
6. Finances - Dues and the Fund Drive.

On registration - The plan is to try to get back the old members who have just dropped out or who have only been inactive for some time. [redacted] said that since the "Stalin" thing many who had dropped out because of their inability to understand it had reconsidered and were now ready to come back into the Party. It is believed that if these people were visited and the question discussed with them they would be easily brought back, as they do believe in the need of the C.P. and have regained confidence. There is a great chance to rebuild the C.P.

She also mentioned the lack of young people in the C.P. and said that a concentration was to be placed on Youth. She said this is to be the Major Concentration. There is a plan for a big meeting in Sept. to call together all young communists. No definite plans for this meeting, such as time and place was made but the speakers will be Ben Davis - Wm. Albertson- Jim Jackson or Arnold Johnson.

During the Ben Davis campaign in Harlem seven people were recruited and seven more were recruited in Mannhatan.

[redacted] has signed up a woman who works in the same office with her. Her name - [redacted]

[redacted] also got the woman a job there. She says the woman is a good typist and is doing well in the work.

Plans are for larger campaigns this year. City Wide. With much concentration on registration of members who did not register last year. [redacted] said that [redacted] knows over 40, who want to come back.

All are to have assignments to either call on or phone people they know and a fund will be set up in each club to pay for baby sitters of those who have young children. All registra-

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tions much be in by Feb. 4th. The forms which [] brought had only 6 places for names. The usual forms have 24. She said this was because the State wants the names turned in as fast as possible. The longer forms would take too long.

On the Sears Strike. It was a huge success and a victory. Sears has made an agreement with the NAACP to begin hiring Negroes. [] said that negroes were hired by Sears before this but only for certain work. That this is the first time in its history that the NAACP has been instrumental in anything outside of Court action. They helped much in this job. There were many volunteers, from young children to grandmothers on the picket line and there are many communists working in Sears and a great deal of credit can be given to them for the success of the strike.

On the question of [] - He left the country against the wishes of the National Committee. There was a meeting and he was told not to go. He did not answer at the meeting and left without their consent or knowledge. The State and National were shocked when they learned that he had gone. The County Committee of B'klyn knew he was going but did not know that the State and National Committees had not been informed. The State Board has suspended him and does not want him to represent the C.P. in any way during his travels. He has gone to Gana Africa. No one knows how long he plans to be gone.

[] asked if it wasn't enough that the B'klyn County knew about [] plans and [] told her it was not. Jim Jackson and Ben Davis called a meeting and they suspended him pending his return. No mention was made of any money he had in his possession and when [] said she had read that he had not straightened cut his Party Finances before going the subject was changed and the money issue passed over. Freda insisted on some kind of an answer to this question and was told she was out of order as the subject of [] was finished. She said nothing but looked very angry. It was noticeable that tempers were rather short at this meeting. The reason seemed to be that [] who was acting chairman was not as easy going as any one else ever has been. She snapped at any one who spoke out of turn and cut some short when they asked question which she thought should not be asked.

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[redacted] was elected Organizer again and had refused the post. She said that she was in the same position as [redacted] and did not feel that she could possibly recruit people under the circumstances.

[redacted] She said that there was mass unemployment in Buffalo and the people were flocking back to the C.P. That any time there is mass unemployment people always look to the C.P.

[redacted] said that from the County report it does not seem unrealistic that many are coming to re-establish ties - to talk thing over and already many are back in the Party. She said that the North East Bronx Club had been over looked. They have not been meeting up to now. There are many non-members in the N.E. who are good possible recruits. Some are members of the P.T.A. who have sought out the C.P. for information and advise.

[redacted] She said that we must have one thing clear in our minds. We need the C.P. Every one needs the C.P. in the U.S.A.

[redacted] said, Yes, we know that- but who will agree with us?

No one paid any attention to this remark.

[redacted] Said- we must point out little things - Sears strike and such. Point out that we have comrades there-Otherwise the organization of the strike would have been bad-

[redacted] said, We do too much taking- and have too little action. This also was ignored.

The next Siminar will take up the Negro question in the U.S.A. 2 people will be sent from each club.

Here a person called [redacted] was mentioned and [redacted] said she could not be approached, to attend a C.P. meeting. [redacted] is

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very political minded and was registered last year. [] said that [] was registered last year. That [] did not register and has since married and has moved away. [] said she would see [] and get him to register. No last names were mentioned and these people are not known.

Some one will have to take [] place as she is pregnant and ill.

[] will get together soon and visit people on registration.

A social was planned to be held at [] apt. on Feb. 7th. They will try to get Wm. Albertson to come and speak to the people who will be invited. Those who are known, who did not register last year will be invited.

[] said that she goes to school on Thur. nights. Ida goes to school on Wed. Night.

Another attempt was made by [] to get [] to reconsider the post as organizer. [] told them that if she could feel more optimistic she might find the time but she was in no position to recruit as she does not want to speak against the C.P. but can't speak for it well enough to inspire recruits to register.

[] said, To be a good organizer you must have complete confidence in the C.P. in spite of its weaknesses. The Club as a whole is the most important part of the C.P. That she had urged [] to stay in the position because she felt that Ida was a good communist and an honest person but now Ida has made her position clear and [] feels that she was wrong to try to get [] to stay. That we should accept her resignation, however much we feel we do not want to.

[] had the list of dues. All were told that they would not be allowed to register until they were paid up to Dec/58. If any one was very far behind and not able to pay up they

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would be allowed to pay for as many months as they could and Dec. would be counted as paid and they would owe for some back months which they could pay for later. The form (only one) was passed around after the dues was paid and all signed. Since there were only 6 people there only one form was used. "C46" appeared on the form.

The form was mimeographed slip of paper. Half of an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 11. There were spaces headed - Age - Nationality- Job.- Union- time in C.P. The people signing wrote in the answers but only signed with their first names.

[redacted] has been in 30 years. Edith 15- Ida 15- Doris 20- Freda 15 Sarah 20

The next regular meeting will be held at [redacted] apt. on Jan. 27th 1959. at 8:30 P.M.

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Informant advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were not further identified.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 2/4/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
IS - C

NY 694-S advised SA A. C. BURLINSON on 1/30/59 that on the said date, Detroit CP functionary HELEN WINTER, as a member of a CP subcommittee investigating the feasibility of moving the CP national office to Chicago, conferred with ISADORE WOFSY and JACK CHILDS, members of the CP National Finance (Reserve) Committee.

WINTER requested the opinion of WOFSY and CHILDS with respect to the advisability of moving the National Office to Chicago. CHILDS, as spokesman for the Finance Committee (LEM HARRIS, third member of the Finance Committee was not present), informed WINTER that it was not the function of the Finance Committee to express an opinion in this matter. WOFSY agreed.

3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
 (1-100-3-63) (CP, USA-FUNDS)

2 - Chicago (100-33741) (INFO) (RM)
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3 - Detroit (100-) (CP, USA-ORGANIZATION) (INFO) (RM)
 (1-100-68212) (HELEN WINTER)
 (1-100-13420) (CARL WINTER)

1 - NY 134-91 (INV) (415)

1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA-FUNDS) (415)

1 - NY 100-128861 (CP, USA-FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS) (415)

1 - NY 100-64061 (JACK CHILDS) (415)

1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)

1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)

1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)

1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)

1 - NY 100-23325 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (415)

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CHILDS then stated that if a decision to move be made, the Finance Committee would strongly recommend that a subcommittee of the NEC, consisting of one person who must be "an authoritative and respected CP functionary," remain in New York City to act as liaison with the CP National Finance Committee, with the NY State CP, and with various "committees" (fronts) remaining in NYC. Unless such liaison should be established with the Finance Committee, CHILDS said, the value of the said committee to the CP would be lost. WOFSY agreed with CHILDS.

WINTER stated she also agreed with the aforesaid proposal and stated she would recommend it in her report to the CP.

CHILDS inquired what the results of WINTER's survey to date had been. She indicated that so far she had only a few "unofficial opinions" of CP functionaries regarding the proposed move to Chicago. She herself, she said, has not come to a decision as yet. Her husband, CARL WINTER, she said, is "adamant": he is in favor of the move. JACK STACHEL and EUGENE DENNIS are opposed to the move. STACHEL said that in the investigation to determine the advisability of moving "The Worker" to Chicago, he learned that printing costs in Chicago would be \$25,000 less than in New York, but that distribution problems, particularly in NYC, would be "terrific."

BEN DAVIS, JR., she said, to date is opposed to the move. WINTER expressed the opinion that DAVIS is opposed because he fears such a move would affect him politically in New York City.

WINTER said that she was "in a void regarding the entire matter," and did not know how she could submit a satisfactory report by February 3rd, when she was scheduled to return to Detroit.

WINTER expressed the opinion that EUGENE DENNIS and BOB THOMPSON should maintain closer contact with the National Office Finance Committee, especially for the purpose of keeping

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the Committee informed regarding the finances of the National Office; WINTER said that since the Finance Committee, for the past two years, has been regularly pouring money into the National Office, the Finance Committee should be furnished with information concerning the income of the National Office.

CHILDS inquired whether WINTER knew what the dues payments to the National Office were. She replied that her examination of National Office books during the past few days reflected that "dues payments averaged 4000 during the past six months;" WINTER said she was not certain how accurate their figures were and that she might not have interpreted them correctly. In reply to a question from CHILDS regarding "the district breakdown on dues," she said she had not checked that matter as yet.

Referring again to the National Office books, WINTER said she noticed many discrepancies--particularly that payments to the National Office from the National Finance Committee had not been entered on the books. She noted specifically that \$10,000 given by WOFSY to the National Office in December, 1958, did not appear on the books. WINTER stated that she would insist that hereafter all payments by the Finance Committee to the National Office appear on the National Office books.

SAC, LOS ANGELES

2/9/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - SCD - MEMBERSHIP
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On 1/20/59, NY 2409-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of [redacted] located in her apartment at [redacted] NYC. Among the information furnished was a photograph of a note which is apparently a CP transfer for a couple from Houston to Los Angeles. The note is captioned "transfer", and reads as follows:

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[redacted] - to be trans from Hou to LA. Have phone, and can be located in that manner. Left Hou summer 58. Age: he she He is a machinist by trade. She aspires to be actress.

"Members since -- the time they left Hou both were members in good standing. Both participated in P work, and he was a member of Comm. Both supported political line of N.C. Both were active in precinct work in D.P."

It is believed that the above couple possibly referred to [redacted] and his wife [redacted]

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The original negatives of the above information is being made Exhibit 1B-10 (3) of [redacted] file, NY 100-100351.

- 2 - Los Angeles (100-) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (Att. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Houston (100-) (CP, USA, SOUTHERN REGION) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-133566 Sub E) (CP, USA, SOUTHERN REGION) (#415)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted]

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 2/4/59

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	1/14/59 District Board meeting	1/16/59	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

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[redacted] is the wife of [redacted] is the father-in-law of [redacted]

[redacted] a Negro from steel, mentioned on page 2 of instant report, is [redacted]

[redacted] on 1/16/59, orally advised SA ROBERT C. NORTON that MEYERS was referring to [redacted] when he spoke of the [redacted] (see page 3 of instant report).

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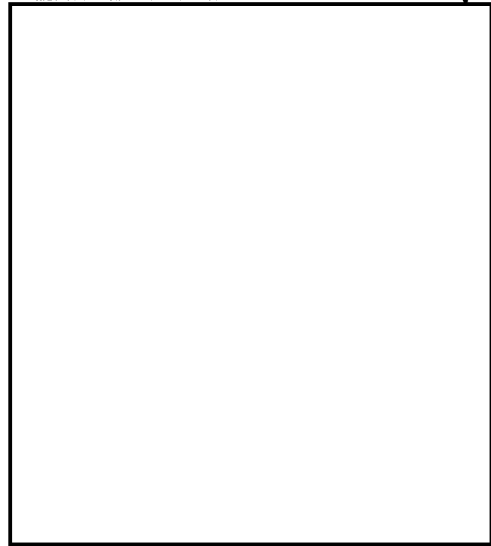
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" Baltimore, Maryland
January 16, 1959

The following report concerns a CP District Board meeting for the Maryland - D. C. District which took place January 14, 1959, at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] In addition to [redacted] GEORGE MEYERS, Acting Chairman for the District; [redacted] District Board member and JACOB GREEN, District Board member, were present.

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The meeting got under way about 9:25 PM. MEYERS said that no agenda was necessary since it was the first meeting of the year and they would merely review what had happened in the past.

MEYERS then asked [redacted] to talk on the affair of January 9, 1959, to raise funds for The Worker, at which affair ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN had been the main speaker.

[redacted] said that the affair had been successfully planned and executed by the Freedom of the Press Committee (FOPC) of which he was in charge. He said there were 33 to 35 persons present, well over \$200.00 taken in and several subscriptions for The Worker obtained. He pointed out that [redacted] from steel, had subscribed, as well as [redacted]

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[redacted] then told [redacted] about FLYNN's staying with [redacted] [redacted] Chairman of the CP Steel Club, the night of January 9, 1959, and about [redacted] taking her for a trip out to the Bethlehem Steel Company area at Sparrows Point, Maryland, January 10, 1959.

[redacted] said that he was impressed with the FLYNN affair on two points. One was the fact that almost everyone was there by 8:30 PM, and secondly that the relationship between the Negroes and whites present at the affair was good.

[redacted] mentioned that he thought it was very good to have had CP members from Washington, D. C., present, and noted that they had made a good financial contribution. He thought this was fine in view of the limited time they had to see people.

[redacted] said the FOPC had met the previous Tuesday night, and everyone was happy with the outcome of the FLYNN affair.

[redacted] said [redacted] Chairman of the CP Trade Union Commission, had suggested at the meeting that activity of the FOPC be broadened, but this was overruled by a majority of those present who felt that more groundwork was needed first.

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[redacted] said he talked to [redacted] from steel, at the FLYNN affair, and that [redacted] was generally in agreement with the Party's program but felt that [redacted] and MEYERS should be aware of his [redacted] position. [redacted] then mentioned to [redacted] [redacted] was a trade union leader in steel and strongly anti-Communist but that fact should not disturb them.

[redacted] said that one of the bad things at the FLYNN affair was the fact that [redacted] spoke to [redacted] asking him whether [redacted] thought [redacted] to be an honest and sincere Party member. [redacted] also pointed out to [redacted] that he didn't trust [redacted] [redacted] said he thought this was bad because [redacted] had a good relationship. [redacted] said that if [redacted] continued this approach to too many people, it might frighten people away from the Party. [redacted] said he told [redacted] that

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since [redacted] had no facts to back up his thinking about [redacted] he should confine his suspicion to the District Board.

MEYERS then said that the same question had arisen at the last Trade Union Commission meeting, and he had stopped [redacted] from this line of talk by ignoring [redacted] statements.

MEYERS then said that he was satisfied with the FLYNN affair and knew that she was very happy about the relationship which existed between Negroes and whites in the Baltimore area. MEYERS said that some of the places FLYNN had visited recently to raise funds for The Worker had almost no Negro members.

MEYERS then said that he thought the social contacts which the Party had recently made, the fact that a good Negro and white relationship had been obtained, and the fact that good financial contributions were obtained at the FLYNN affair indicated the District Board was making the correct approach. He added that he thought much more could be done when all District Board members got busy. He then pointed out that when the District Board meets with the Chairmen of all the CP clubs, it could be urged that all members become active along the lines taken by some of the District Board members.

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MEYERS said the first thing that the Party locally should get active on should be The Worker.

[redacted] then indicated that the report she had received on the FLYNN affair was good, but she was not satisfied with the Northwest CP Section in that they had failed to send a representative with the \$18.00 which had been collected to turn in to The Worker.

[redacted] then asked [redacted] what the FOPC had in mind as to contacting former Worker readers and people who might be induced to read The Worker.

[redacted] said he had visited [redacted] former FOPC Chairman, on January 12, 1959, and [redacted] had given him a list of names

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of persons, some of whom had received The Worker in the past and some of whom might be interested in the paper. [redacted] also turned over all papers in her possession which related to the former FOPC, including a bank book of the former FOPC with an amount of 35¢ left in it.

[redacted] then commented that he felt this list given to him by [redacted] might be used to contact persons through the mail.

[redacted] then mentioned that he also had a list typed up by [redacted] which he thought the District Board could look over and use for Worker contacts.

[redacted] had given him some cancelled checks made out by former FOPC members. He said one had been signed by [redacted] Negro CP club Chairman, for \$1.50 which had "bounced." [redacted] said he asked [redacted] about this at the FOPC meeting last Tuesday, and [redacted] told him it was an FOPC check and not his responsibility.

[redacted] asked what [redacted] had said about the \$12.50 which [redacted] had given her some time ago to rent a mail box for the FOPC. [redacted] said he didn't want to ask her about it because it might indicate that he was accusing her of holding out the money.

[redacted] said she didn't give a damn, and that she was not accusing [redacted] of stealing the money. [redacted] said as District Treasurer she had to keep the records straight. She added that the District would have to be especially careful since only about \$300.00 was left in the treasury.

MEYERS then asked [redacted] if he had the letter which MEYERS had given [redacted] at the FLYNN affair concerning supplements to be put out by The Worker on the Asian-African Conference. [redacted] said that he thought he had given it back to MEYERS but when MEYERS denied this, [redacted] said that it was misplaced.

[redacted] then read an open letter which had been prepared by the FOPC to be presented to the public. It told in brief the role played by The Worker in presenting the viewpoints of the Negro, the farmer and the trade union man to the general public. At the bottom of the letter it urged all

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persons who received the letter to take out a subscription and listed the price of The Worker. A small space at the very bottom of the page was left so that the person receiving it could fill in his name and address for a subscription.

MEYERS asked if anyone wanted to comment on the letter.

[redacted] said that the letter was actually a leaflet, was too long and had too much material in it. She said it was the sort of thing that the CP had done in the past.

[redacted] agreed with [redacted] and said that the letter should merely state that the FOPC was set up and urge all former readers of The Worker to take out a subscription.

MEYERS said he agreed with [redacted] and asked [redacted] to take the letter back and have the FOPC rewrite it.

[redacted] said that the letter had been prepared by [redacted] and that although he did not fully agree with it, he had gone along with the majority. He added that the FOPC wanted the District Board to review the letter and make some suggestions.

MEYERS then said that the District Board should not be in a position of dominating the FOPC since the FOPC should function on its own and be capable of preparing its own material. He added, however, that the District Board could offer ideas to the FOPC.

MEYERS then told [redacted] to tell the FOPC the criticisms of the District Board and ask them to modify the letter if they so desired. He said as the letter stood now, it would give too much away if it reached the hands of unauthorized persons. He said it told too much about the manner in which the CP operated in the trade union movement.

All agreed then that the letter should be returned by [redacted] to the FOPC, and that [redacted] should tell the FOPC of the District Board's criticisms.

[REDACTED]

MEYERS then suggested that they should decide on what should be discussed at the District Board meeting with Chairmen of CP clubs, which was to take place January 21, 1959.

[REDACTED] said that he and MEYERS had attended a National Committee meeting recently where BOB THOMPSON had given a report on organizational work. [REDACTED] said that THOMPSON emphasized that responsibility should be placed in the hands of Chairmen of CP sections and clubs in order to broaden CP activity around the Negro question, trade union movement, political activities and infiltration of mass organizations. [REDACTED] said this report could be used as a springboard for discussion at the District Board and Chairmen meeting.

[REDACTED] said she agreed with [REDACTED] and suggested that the District Board should not tell the Chairmen what to do since they would only move as rapidly as they wanted to in any case.

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[REDACTED] then said that he thought the main thing that should be brought out in the THOMPSON report should be the fact that the Chairmen should be organized and set up for action.

MEYERS then suggested that [REDACTED] give the THOMPSON report at the District Board and Chairmen meeting. He then asked [REDACTED] what date they could get together to discuss the report. It was then decided that January 19, 1959, would be the date.

MEYERS then said that he wanted all of the members of the District Board to attend the District Board and Chairmen meeting.

[REDACTED] then said that the Northwest Section was meeting January 21, 1959, and that she would probably attend that meeting.

After several minutes of silence, [REDACTED] asked which meeting was more important.

[REDACTED] said she didn't know because she did not know what the Northwest Section planned to discuss.

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[redacted] then suggested that [redacted] Chairman of the Northwest Section, be contacted and that she be advised to contact the Northwest Section members, including [redacted] and [redacted] and advise them that the January 21, 1959, meeting of the Northwest Section would be cancelled until after the District Board meeting.

This was agreed upon by the Board.

MEYERS then said there would be a CP National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting held February 6-7, 1959, and that he would attend. He suggested that a District Board - District Committee meeting be held February 11, 1959, so that he could report on the NEC meeting.

MEYERS then said that he didn't want to criticize, but [redacted] should have contacted [redacted] the [redacted] and other people. He said that this was not only [redacted] responsibility, but was actually a CP Steel Club responsibility. MEYERS then said that he had contacted them himself, and that in addition, had talked to [redacted] of the former steel group about some of these people but was unable to get [redacted] active in the matter.

MEYERS said that [redacted] was happy to see him and mentioned that he, [redacted] had been visited by [redacted] but only for the purpose of getting contributions for the former CP steel group. MEYERS said that [redacted] had collected a good sum of money for these people.

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MEYERS said he told [redacted] that the former steel group was suing the union and [redacted] disagreed with this.

MEYERS said he gave [redacted] some back copies of The Worker, as well as some other CP literature.

MEYERS said he didn't feel that [redacted] would be too active since he was security minded, but felt [redacted] would distribute The Worker, contact people for contributions for the CP and do other activity of that sort.

MEYERS then said that he thought [redacted] should ask the CP Steel Club to invite him (MEYERS) and [redacted] to attend a

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Steel Club meeting so that the Steel Club could be advised of the plans of MEYERS and [redacted] to contact former members of the Party to bring them back.

MEYERS said that [redacted] should be sure to tell the Steel Club that he and [redacted] only wanted to help and were not trying to take over the operation of the Steel Club.

MEYERS said the reason he wanted [redacted] to assist him was because most of the persons who were to be contacted were Negroes who knew him but did not know [redacted]. He said after [redacted] met them, [redacted] could handle them from then on and guide them into CP clubs.

MEYERS then asked [redacted] if the latter would assist him with these 30 to 35 persons.

[redacted] said it was okay with him and he was sure it would be all right with the Steel Club. He said that the Steel Club was meeting January 20, 1959, and would take it upon himself to invite [redacted] and MEYERS to that meeting.

MEYERS asked where the meeting would be held. [redacted] [redacted] home.

[redacted] said he could not go that night since that was the night the Trade Union Commission and the Negro CP club planned to hold an enlarged meeting to discuss political activities.

[redacted] then suggested that MEYERS give him the list of 30 to 35 persons, and he would discuss the list with the Steel Club and MEYERS on January 20, 1959, and [redacted] could attend the next Steel Club meeting. MEYERS and [redacted] agreed.

MEYERS then asked how [redacted] received The Worker. [redacted] said the Steel Club planned to discuss this on January 20, 1959, and thought the decision would be that delivery would be made in person.

[redacted] said at the next FOPC meeting they planned to discuss the distribution of The Worker to various areas throughout Baltimore.

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MEYERS said [redacted] had come to see him and had asked if she could meet with the District Board since she wanted to discuss her case against the Unemployment Compensation Board. MEYERS mentioned that [redacted] was [redacted] attorney and had taken care of her expenses in the case up to date, but since the case was being referred to a higher court more money was needed and [redacted] had told her he could not stand the expenses of the higher court.

MEYERS said he understood from [redacted] that the case involved both [redacted] and he assumed that [redacted] would ask for financial support from the District Board.

MEYERS said he thought the Party should play a role in [redacted] case since it was important to win the case. He said he saw [redacted] viewpoint, who had accepted the case without expecting to be paid.

[redacted] said she did not know whether [redacted] and the District Board should meet. She said she had heard that [redacted] had planned to draw up a letter and send it out on a city-wide basis, asking for financial and moral support.

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MEYERS said that this was discussed with [redacted] and he told her he did not agree with it. He added that he had not committed himself or the Party to [redacted]

[redacted] said they should not get "roped into" a position where persons such as [redacted] could come to the District Board and ask for money. She pointed out that only about \$300.00 was left in the treasury, with nothing coming in except small amounts from CP clubs and sections.

After a moment of silence, [redacted] then said that she thought the District Board should at least hear what [redacted] had to say.

MEYERS then asked for a date. [redacted] said that he had a meeting January 15, 1959. [redacted] added that he also had a meeting on that date.

[redacted] then suggested that [redacted] and MEYERS meet with [redacted]

[redacted] then said she would meet with [redacted] on one basis only, and that was that [redacted] should come to her home since her mother was ill and she could not leave her.

MEYERS said that he would get [redacted] around 7:00 PM, January 15, 1959, and bring her to [redacted] home. He said if [redacted] could not make the meeting, they would plan a later meeting of [redacted] and the full District Board. All agreed.

MEYERS then read a letter sent by a woman in Baltimore to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN which said that the woman was a Worker reader when she could get the paper and wanted to know who to contact in Baltimore. The woman went on to say that her husband did not agree with her views on the CP or The Worker, but that she wanted to have a contact made anyway. MEYERS explained that FLYNN had given him this letter so he could make a contact.

MEYERS then said that when FLYNN was in Baltimore, January 9, 1959, he had given her an order for four sets of the "World Marxist Review," which he planned to give to District Board members. MEYERS said that some of the volumes had been sent down. He then divided one set between [redacted] and the other between himself and [redacted].

MEYERS then passed out copies of the current issue of The Worker and December, 1958, issues of Political Affairs and Masses and Mainstream.

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[redacted] took six copies of Political Affairs and three copies of Masses and Mainstream.

[redacted] took eight copies of Political Affairs, four copies of Masses and Mainstream and four copies of The Worker.

MEYERS then mentioned that The Worker would be sent down on Wednesdays from that date forward.

The meeting ended about 11:20 PM."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-24702)
FROM : SA JOHN C. SULLIVAN
SUBJECT: PAT ELLIS
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 2/5/59

On January 12, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA JOHN C. SULLIVAN with oral information pertaining to a conversation between [redacted] on January 9, 1959, at Chicago. The above information was reduced to writing by SA JOHN C. SULLIVAN on January 9, 1959, and authenticated by the informant on the same date. The original information is being retained in Chicago file [redacted]

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40)(#421) DATE: 2/4/59

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP
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Identity of Source	[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)
Description of Info	Registration of Club 4
Date Received	1/26/59
Received By	[redacted]
Original Located	[redacted]

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Photostats of an official form which the CP used to record the registration are attached. This form was furnished to SA [redacted] *for CPUSA copies*

It is noted that in a report dated 1/16/59, concerning a CP meeting on 1/18/59, [redacted] reported that Club 6 is now Club 4.

[redacted] has in the past identified [redacted] as [redacted]

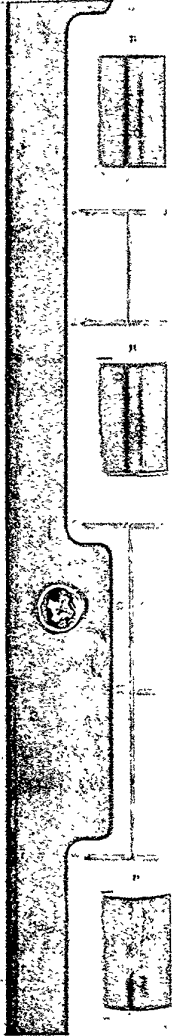
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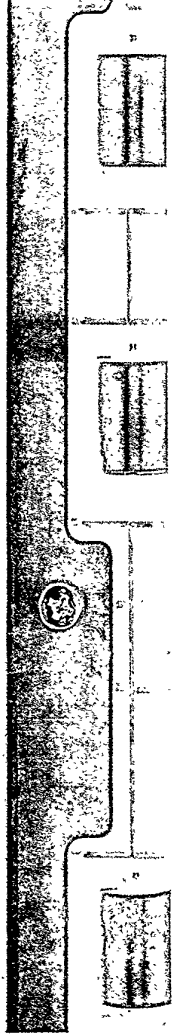
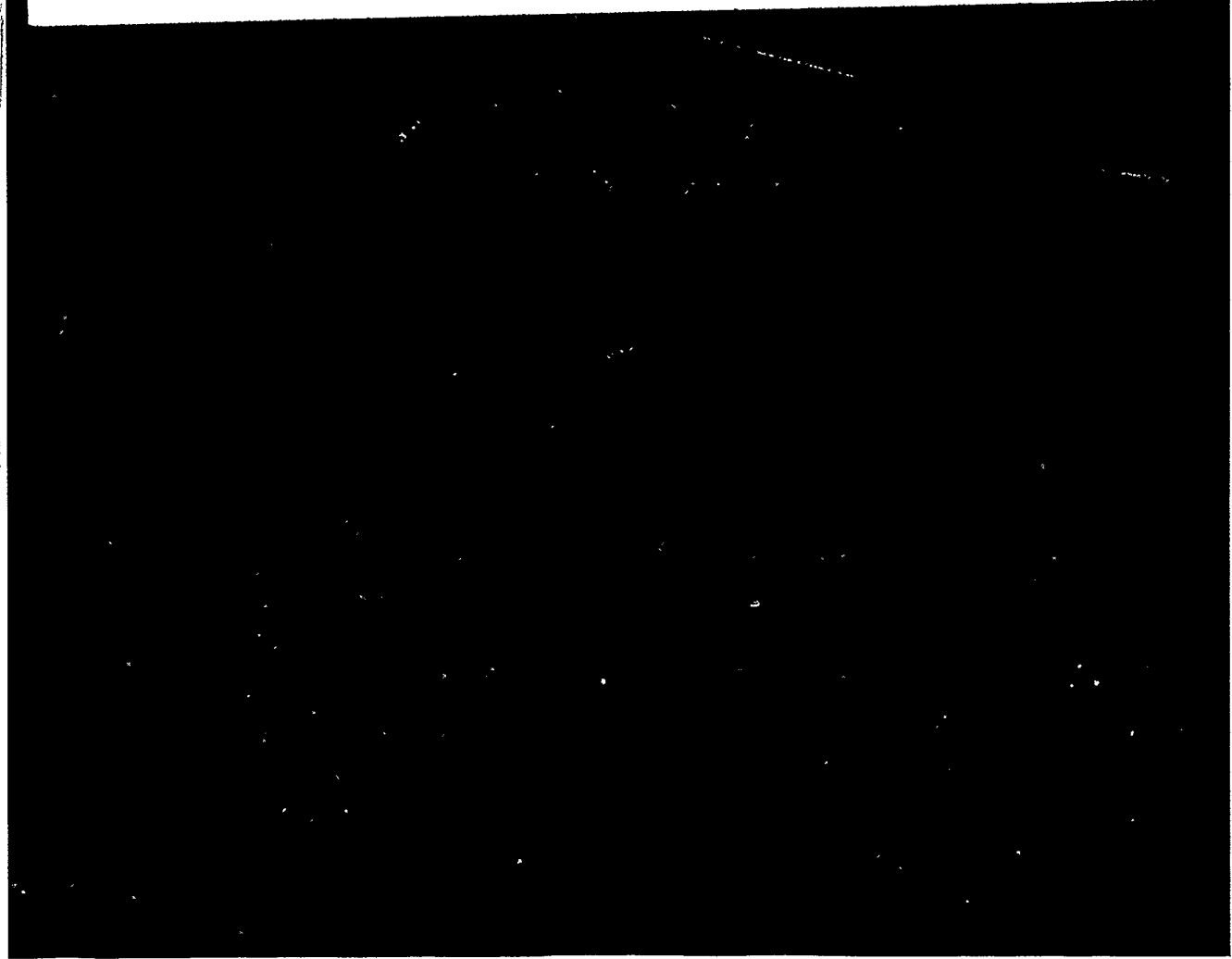
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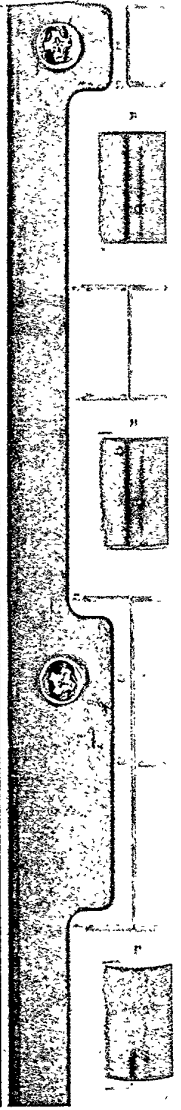
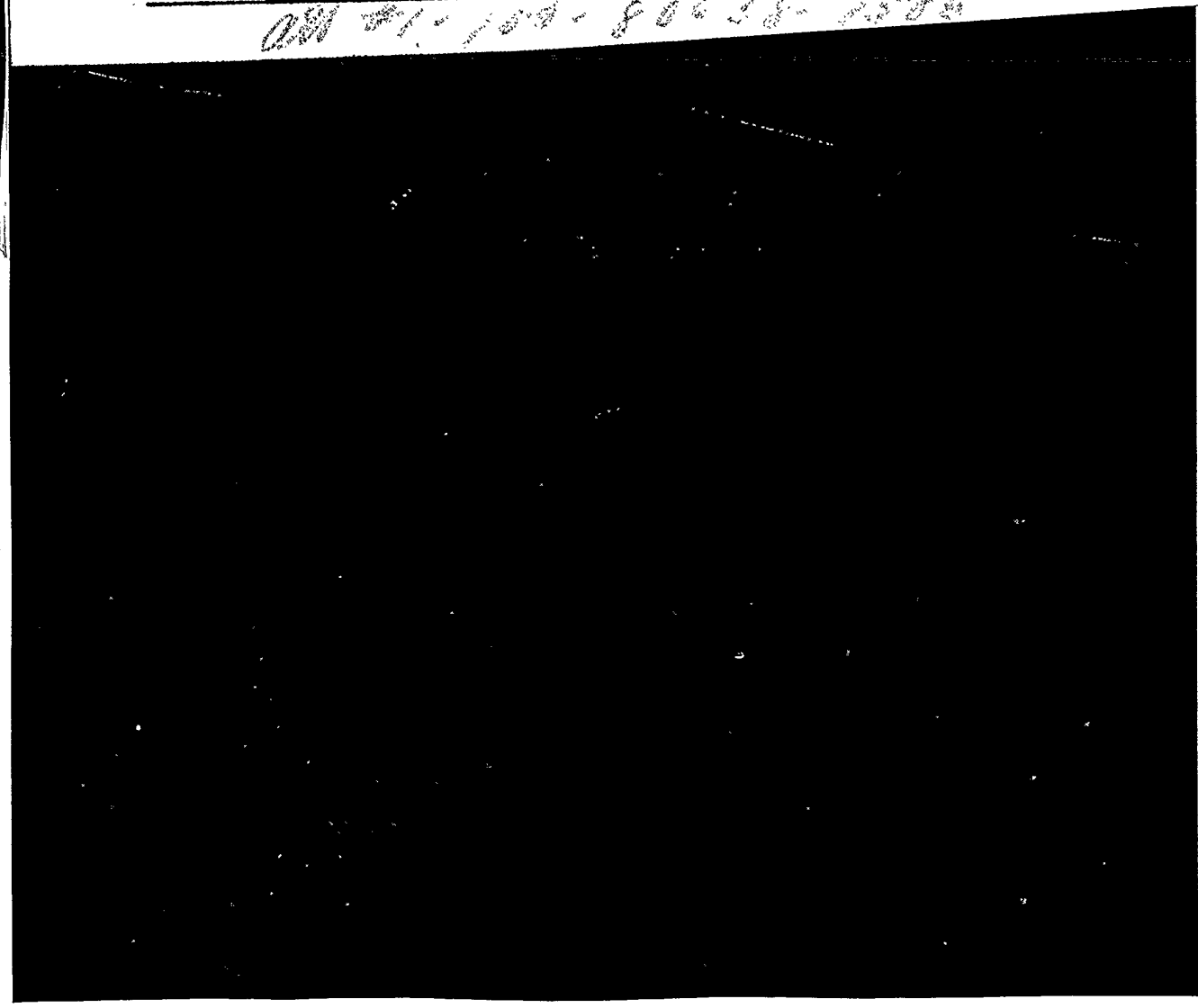
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1787)(421) DATE: 2/10/59
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: NORTHWEST BRONX SECTION CP
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: Details of meeting of NW Bronx Section Committee CP held 1/13/59

Date received: 2/2/59

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Report

Communist Party U.S.A.
Activities

Jan. 20, 1959
New York.

A meeting of the Northwest Bronx Section Committee C.P. was held on January 13th, 1959 at [redacted]
[redacted]

The following members were present at this meeting: [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] chaired the meeting:

Nan made a report on the "great victory in the struggle against discrimination" which "we have won by picketing the Sears, Roebuck Store" at 149 St., Bronx, N.Y.

She said that "a number of church people, negro and white people, members of our party (C.P.) and members of the Bronx chapter of the NAACP have marched in the picket lines which forced the Sears, Roebuck to give in." She underlined that as a result of the Bronx picket line some 400 Sears, Roebuck Stores in the Eastern Seaboard district will begin hiring negro and Puerto Rican people. [redacted] said that the Bronx NAACP is now working on a plan of picketing large stores in different sections in the Bronx and "of course our comrades will participate in this action."

[redacted]
A short discussion on the report took place. [redacted] underlined that the "active participation of our party membership in the struggle for negro rights is of great importance: it shows to the negro population that the Communist Party is the only political party which is fighting with them in their struggle for their rights."

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Everyone agreed that "the picket line at 149th St. was a great victory" and [redacted] report was approved.

It was decided that reports on this subject should be made at the next meetings of each club in the section.

Reports on activities of the C.P. Clubs in the Northwest Section showed the following: [redacted] reported that her club meets regularly every two weeks; that 6-8 people come to every meeting. She gave in \$22.00 which was collected at the last club meeting for the fund drive.

[redacted] reported that he talked with some people of the Van Cortlandt area and that "we hope to have a meeting by the end of this month" (January).

[redacted] reported that she contacted a few members of the Kingsbridge Club. It is planned to have a meeting in February. She said that she received from [redacted] \$35.00 for the party's fund drive and that everyone she spoke to paid up their party dues in full.

[redacted] reported that her club (Riverdale) didn't meet since before the November (1958) elections. This club was under the "influence of [redacted] on the question of the U.S.T. and the members are still in a stage of confusion. It's not only the election campaign issue there are many other questions that are very confusing." No one of this club paid dues. Although we got from one member \$25.00 for the fund drive.

After a discussion of the "inactivity of the clubs it was decided that each club functionary must get a definite date for the club meeting and to inform Nan when such meeting will be held. (if such meeting will take place before the next meeting of the Section Committee)

It was decided that [redacted] will attend the meeting of the Van Cortlandt Club and [redacted] will attend the meeting of the Riverdale Club.

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[redacted] made a short report on the activities of the committee for the 35th anniversary of The Worker.

He reported that up till now there is nothing definite on the question of when or where the meeting will be held, but the definite thing is that 35th anniv. meeting will not be held in January. He told the meeting that it is expected to have "an important personality from abroad" who will speak at this meeting but "we are not sure about this either." He said that he expects to have something more definite at latter date. [redacted] asked that the collection funds for the 35th anniversary meeting of The Worker should be started immediately. He also asked to try to get individual, organizational and commercial ads for the anniversary issue of The Worker. There was also a short discussion of the party's registration campaign which is now going on. [redacted] said that "we must aim to register all those club members who never or seldom attend club meetings." It was accepted "in principle" that each club will register the members at the next meetings of the clubs and that each club will set up a Registration Committee which duty it will be to register those members who do not attend club meetings. The Registration Committees will also have to work out plans to register some of those who quit the party during the last two years.

[redacted] proposed to organize a "social function for Morton Sobell" by the Northwest Section of the C.P.

Because of the late hour [redacted] proposed to authorize [redacted] to work out details in connection with a party for Morton Sobel including the date and the hiring of a hall and report on same at the next meeting of the Section Committee.

It was decided that [redacted] will work on this "project."

The next meeting of the Northwest Section Committee will be held on January 28th, 1959 at [redacted] apartment.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 2/10/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89179)(#421)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Identity of Source

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who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info

Report of a conversation between [redacted]

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SAC, Newark

February 11, 1959

Director, FBI (100-3-68)(100-3-105)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
SOUTHERN REGION
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Reurairtel 2-6-59 captioned "CP, USA, N.J. District, Organization, IS - C," your files 100-4284 E.

Review of reairtel reflects that at a meeting of the enlarged New Jersey Communist Party (CP) state committee held on 2-1-59 an announcement was made that there would be a January dues check on Party members which would in effect constitute registration for 1959.

You should remain extremely alert in the immediate future to any information which may be obtained from your established sources as well as the use of other investigative techniques concerning this registration procedure. It is noted that this may possibly present you with an excellent opportunity of obtaining accurate and up-to-date information regarding the over-all membership in your district as well as the identities of various Party members.

Any pertinent information obtained in this regard should be promptly forwarded to the Bureau.

With further regard to reairtel, it is noted that at the above-mentioned meeting it was decided that each Party club in the New Jersey district is to "adopt" a Party club in the South for the purpose of furnishing the southern club financial assistance, literature, et cetera. This matter should be followed closely since this development may well result in affording us the opportunity of obtaining accurate and current information regarding the Party's organizational structure in the South. Both the Newark and New York Offices should remain alert not only to keeping the Bureau advised of pertinent developments in this matter but also of keeping our appropriate southern offices informed.

② - New York

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: February 12, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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- W. J. ...*
R. C. Burns

It is noted that each recipient of instant communication is presently submitting periodical progress letters regarding the identification of Communist Party members in their respective territories. It is further noted that in most instances, you have not been utilizing the above Bureau file number. For your information and future guidance, it is desired that whenever you are submitting a communication referring to the membership in your territory, you designate 100-3-68 as the Bureau file number. It has been determined that this procedure will work to the Bureau's advantage from an administrative standpoint.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-108446) DATE: 1/8/59

FROM: SA ROBERT EDWARD JONES (421)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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[redacted] furnished reports regarding the activities of [redacted] in the Bronx County CP and the BCLC. Subsequently the informants identified a photograph of [redacted] (100 85568) as being identical to the woman they referred to as [redacted]

Copies of the informants reports regarding [redacted] were sent to each of the files for which copies of this memorandum are designated.

The following dissemination memoranda, made from the reports of [redacted] contain mention of [redacted]

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TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted]

DATE: 2/12/59

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	1/21/59 CP meeting	1/23/59	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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100-4090 BALTIMORE DIVISION, MARYLAND - D. C.
100-20496 TUC (2,5,6)
100-17819 NORTHWEST BALTIMORE CP CLUB (2,4)
100-11950 CP STEEL CLUB (2)
100-21140 NEGRO CP CLUB (2)
100-12510 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY (3,6)
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[] clubs with respect to the many issues facing the working class, such as unemployment, civil rights and elections.

[] then said that when he and MEYERS had gone to the National Committee meetings held December 6-7, 1958, BOB THOMPSON had discussed the organization of the Party and had indicated at the time that the Party was moving ahead in the right direction despite attacks from within the Party by the ultra-left and right revisionist groups, as well as attacks from the outside.

[] then commented that the Party, during the BEN DAVIS campaign for election in New York in 1958, had recruited nine persons into the Party, and that the public had donated sums of money to DAVIS. [] also pointed out that the Party in 1958 had contributed to defeat of the Right-to-Work Bills in California and other places. [] said all this was evidence of the fact that the Party could make gains if everyone worked together and mobilized CP membership for action.

[] arrived around 9:45 PM, while [] was speaking.

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[] then said that this was sufficient to start the discussion that evening, but added that it should not be forgotten that funds had to be raised by the clubs in order to keep the CP in operation.

[] then said that he thought the District Board members should not enter into the following discussion until all the club Chairmen had been heard from.

[] then said that he wanted to criticize the District Board for not being prompt in making some decisions. He noted that in June of 1958 a leaflet on the November elections had been discussed but no action taken until October. [] added that he had great respect for the District Board and knew they were all hard workers.

[] said he also thought the District Board should begin an educational program.

[] then said he agreed with the objective that [] pointed out in his talk.

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[redacted] then said that he also agreed with [redacted] and said he would go back to his club and get action under way immediately.

[redacted] then said that she was the Chairman of the Northwest CP Section, and that her term would expire next month. She said that Chairmen of that club were elected for a period of six months. She said that the operation of the club had been too much for [redacted] in the past and really was too much for her because she had to travel so far to attend meetings. She pointed out that at some meetings persons would be absent, and that these individuals had to be contacted separately to advise them of the date and place of the next meeting. She then said that personal contact should have been made, but she frequently had to use mail to advise them, which she did not like.

[redacted] then said that she and [redacted] had always had a difficult time in getting the 14 members of the Northwest Section together at one time.

[redacted] then said that she was in full accord with [redacted] and would try to get her section under way immediately.

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[redacted] then spoke of having joined the CP in 1946 and of his past activities in the CP. He said he did not agree with [redacted] criticism of the District Board since, if the District Board had not acted promptly, there would be no Party. [redacted] criticized persons who continue to raise suspicions about other CP members unless there was positive proof. He pointed out that if the CP were to be built, everyone would have to "stick his neck out."

[redacted] then urged all Chairmen and members to work together to build the CP. She pointed out that the financial situation of the local Party was bad, and that she had just paid out \$100.00 for CP literature. She said dues were not coming in, which was part of organizational work, and that the Chairmen should see that dues, sustaining money and literature money were regularly collected.

[redacted] then said that from the discussion he had heard, everyone seemed to be in agreement to go back to their

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clubs and get them into motion so that everything would be functioning correctly. He said all the Chairmen seemed ready to accept responsibility.

MEYERS then said that he had received a telegram from WILLIAM PATTERSON, which indicated that the local CP owed \$205.00 for literature, and that if the money was not gotten up immediately, Baltimore would be "cut off" by February.

MEYERS then said he thought the discussion that night had been good, and that everyone present had displayed a healthy attitude. He said the Party could and would make gains if all the Chairmen cooperated.

MEYERS then commented that as to [redacted] statement about "sticking your neck out," he could not agree with such a statement and felt that no one should "overdo" and all should "keep control." He then reassured [redacted] that he was not criticizing him for his spirit, and he felt that everyone present felt the same as [redacted]

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MEYERS asked that the group present give him and [redacted] authority to visit a number of people who had once been CP members. MEYERS said if these individuals were not brought back into the Party, they could at least be persuaded to take literature and contribute funds to the CP. He said that former Negro comrades in shipyard and steel they contacted could be given a copy of the PAUL ROBESON book to establish preliminary contact.

All agreed.

[redacted] then left at about 11:00 PM.

Discussion then took place with regard to raising \$205.00 for literature, with [redacted] urging all members to get up additional amounts of sustaining money.

MEYERS terminated the discussion by saying that they should leave it to the Freedom of the Press Committee.

[redacted] then wanted to know how so much money was owed. He pointed out that the Trade Union Commission was paid up in its dues.

[redacted]

[redacted] then said that [redacted] was merely giving them a general idea as to what had taken place in the past, and that until [redacted] had given the CP membership the membership breakdown in clubs, they would all be confused. He said this should have been done long ago, but expected such a report at the next District Board meeting.

MEYERS then said that he had spoken to [redacted] in December about such a report and expected that she would furnish them in the near future with a report showing membership dues, literature money collected and money owed. He said he also expected her to indicate whether membership had been gained or lost in 1958.

[redacted] then said they should hold a Chairmen and District Board meeting every two months to evaluate the role of the CP locally. He pointed out that the meeting that night was the first such meeting held in a number of years and thought it a healthy situation.

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Discussion then followed, and it was finally decided that the meeting suggested by [redacted] would be held every six weeks, with the next meeting March 18, 1959, at the home of [redacted]

It was then decided that a District Board - District Committee meeting would be held February 11, 1959, at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] then asked [redacted] to meet with the District Board and report on the labor situation in Maryland, as well as on the AFL-CIO conference which [redacted] had attended in the latter part of 1958 in Washington, D. C.

After some discussion, it was decided that [redacted] would meet with the District Board January 29, 1959.

[redacted] then said that the next Trade Union Commission meeting would be held February 17, 1959, at his home.

MEYERS then said he would attend the National Executive Committee meeting in New York the first week in February.

MEYERS then brought some books out which he said had been

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sent to him by [redacted] One was "Burden of Taxes,"
at 35¢ a copy, and the other was "No Man a Stranger,"
at \$3.50 a copy.

The meeting ended about 11:50 PM."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement
and it is accurate in substance.

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-4284-E)
FROM : SA VINCENT E. MURPHY
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT,
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(1 100-4284-U) (CP, FACTIONALISM)
(1 100-4284-W) (CP, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
(1 100-4284-4L-1) (CAMDEN COUNTY)
(1 100-4284-4M-1) (MERCER COUNTY)
(1 100-4284-4P-1) (PASSAIC COUNTY)
(1 100-4284-7S-1) (ESSEX COUNTY)
(1 100-4284-7T-1) (HUDSON COUNTY)
(1 100-4284-4Q-1) (FARM SECTION)
(1 100-4284-4K-1) (BERGEN COUNTY)
(1 100-4284-4N-1) (MIDDLESEX COUNTY)
(1 100-4284-4R-1) (UNION COUNTY)
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[] reported that the 1957 dues was five times the 1958 dues or approximately 5,000 stamps.

[] proposed a small campaign to collect all January dues. They should work to collect as much as possible and consider the January dues drive as a check on the registration for the NJCP. This would be considered the New Jersey registration.

This was approved.

[] reported that 150 copies of "Political Affairs" (PA) were coming into the New Jersey District per month when the present leadership took over last March. These were never used. As a result, they found a bill of \$715 for the PA. Now they are receiving 100 copies of the PA and all are being sold. These are an "across-the-board" cash purchase, and in addition the bill has been cut to \$500.

[] reported the Vineland CP group is going to try to re-establish the Atlantic City club. In addition, the Vineland club is going to reassociate itself with the state office.

She stated she visited Bergen County recently and found no one in that section to take charge; however, there are a couple of groups functioning in that county.

[] expressed her annoyance concerning a railroad club in Jersey City. She stated they were unable to get in touch with this group because she understands it has annexed itself with the New York District. This group continues to work in New Jersey so she is going to look into the matter further.

[] reported there are two auto clubs functioning in Essex and Bergen Counties.

[] went on to discuss the role of the club. She stated they must realize that most of the Party work has to be done on a club level. Therefore, their job must be to consolidate the clubs and give them new prominence. They must have competent leadership in charge of these clubs. She recommended the district setup be changed from the former county

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setup to a string of clubs. Instead of the nine county or section type organization which is unwieldy, they should form a tri-county council or committee. Some counties do not have enough members left in them to be considered a county organization. She proposed a tri-county council whereby they link three counties together to form sort of a committee. They could link counties which have similar problems. This council would have regular meetings to spur work, etc. The state office could deal with these councils. She suggested that Passaic, Bergen, and Hudson Counties be one such tri-county setup. She stated Middlesex and Union Counties should be combined to form another committee. A third such setup could be Mercer, Farm, and Camden sections to meet periodically in Trenton or some central place to discuss Party problems, literature, work, etc.

[redacted] stated it is very clear they need at least one full-time functionary or one part-time person in the New Jersey District. They should seriously investigate and ask the National Office to help provide them with an outsider to come in as a field worker. They should inquire about a comrade to do day in day out leg work under the guidance of the state chairman, state secretary, etc. She felt they could raise enough money to sustain such a part-time or reasonably priced full-time person.

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All of the proposals by [redacted] were basically approved.

[redacted] proposed they continue the New Jersey bulletin, which is called "Party Life", and make it a monthly. This publication could be a direct communication to the members. This was approved.

HY LUMER spoke very briefly. (He had contributed to the discussions and talks prior to the meeting.) He clarified the registration issue previously mentioned. He stated the New Jersey District could carry on their registration in any manner they so desired and thought most effective. There is no national plan or instructions on this matter. A check on dues throughout the state would be as good a method as any other. He also raised the question of training schools previously mentioned. He stated the Party

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is obliged and is trying to reconstitute the old forms and methods of quadre training. He agreed wholeheartedly with trying to establish a training committee in New Jersey and would help to try to work out a modest form of work.

He stated he thought they should look into the housing situation in New Jersey. There is a need for work in this field, and the Party should examine it closely. The Party might do something on the question of housing such as the Connecticut Party did with regard to the study they made and published in a pamphlet on economy and industry in that state. New York has a number of comrades who are specialists on housing, economics, etc., who could help very much.

[] interjected and stated they have some comrades in New Jersey who are experts on these matters.

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LUMER continued and proposed they form a committee of intellectuals, researchers, etc., to make a scientific study of housing problems in New Jersey with the aim of providing a printed publication on the results to be issued by the CP as a public service.

LUMER was condemnatory of comrades not helping the Party and who were causing trouble. He thought it very proper to work around these people. He was in favor of the proposal to add new people to the State Board.

The State Committee meeting is to be held at the Scholem Alaeichem School, 879 Bergen Street, Newark, N.J.

A meeting of the State Board of the NJCP was scheduled for February 11, 1959.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1787) (421) DATE: 3/3/59

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: BRONX NORTHWEST SECTION COMMITTEE CP
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[redacted]

- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-128817 (CP, NYD - MEMBERSHIP) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-69941 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-25821 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-123890 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-102025 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-104269 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-132945 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-130860 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-7732 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-93665 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C1777 (VAN CORTLANDT CLUB, BRONX CP) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-128314-C (CP, NYD - BRONX FUNDS) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C94 (RIVERDALE CLUB, BRONX CP) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C322 (MOSHOLU CLUB, BRONX CP) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C320 (KINGSBRIDGE CLUB, BRONX CP) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-120276 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-106636 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 97-169 (WORKER) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-74464 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-13444 (JOSEPH NORTH) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-128813 (CP, NYD - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C (EAST BRONX CP) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-128812 (CP, NYD - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-118144 [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-128821 (CP, NYD - FACTIONALISM) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-128314 (CP, NYD - FUNDS) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-12481 (BERNARD ADES) (421)
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
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Description of Info: Details of CP meeting, Bronx
NW Section Committee CP, held
2/12/59

Date received: 2/19/59

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Report

Communist Party U.S.A.
Activities

Feb. 16, 1959
New York.

A meeting of the Bronx Northwest Section Committee C.P. was held on February 12th, 1959 at [redacted] Bronx, N. Y. at [redacted] apartment:

The following members of the committee were present: [redacted]

[redacted] organizer of the Bronx County C.P. [redacted] chaired the meeting. The first question was the registration of the C.P. club members.

[redacted] reported that the Van Cortlandt Club registered 8 members "but still there are no real party activities in the club; Each one paid dues but no money came in for The Worker."

[redacted] reported that the Riverdale Club registered 6 members. "Two are definitely out. Everyone paid dues but no money for the fund drive."

[redacted] reported that the Mosholu Club registered 14 members. "Everyone paid dues and we collected \$35 for the party's fund drive. We also paid for 50 numbers of the 35th anniversary issue of The Worker for distribution in the neighborhood."

[redacted] reported that the Kingsbridge Club registered 12 members. "Everyone is up to date in dues." She stated that [redacted] still didn't register. [redacted] added to Nora's report that [redacted] refused to register but that he gave \$100 to be divided: \$35 for the 35th anniversary of The Worker and \$65 to the party's fund drive. He reported that he turned over the \$35 to Wm. Patterson and he gave \$65 at this meeting to [redacted] who turned over the money to [redacted]. [redacted] also reported that [redacted] will reregister and that he will place a \$35 adv. in the anniversary album of The Worker which will appear on May 1st, 1959.

After a short discussion the meeting was of the opinion "that we must do better on the registration campaign." It was

decided, for the present, to leave the registration issue to the clubs;

It was decided to mobilize the C.P. members of the section for the Joseph North meeting on Cuba which will be held on Feb. 20th, 1959 at the Hunts Point Palace in the Bronx.

[] brought to this meeting leaflets on the Hunts Point Palace meeting for distribution at the Jackson Ave. subway station in the Bronx. These leaflets are printed in English and Spanish. Each C.P. section in the Bronx will distribute these leaflets at a different subway station in the East Bronx. She said that she "has assigned" the Jackson station to the Northwest Section. Because there were no volunteers to do the distribution of the leaflets at the Jackson Station on the suggestion of [] undertook the assignment. The distribution of the leaflets at the Jackson Station will take place on Feb. 19th between 5 and 6 p.m.

It was also decided to make a door-to-door distribution by members of the C.P. Clubs in the Northwest Section of a leaflet also brought by [] to this meeting. This leaflet is "The "Rocky" Road to the Poorhouse."

[] submitted to this meeting a resolution of the Riverdale Club C.P. asking to section committee to call a special membership meeting (C.P.) of the Northwest Section to discuss "the failure" of the Bronx C.P. to evaluate the election results in the Bronx and the policy of the party (C.P.) of "name-calling." A heated discussion developed on this point.

[] claimed that she made a report on the results of the election campaign in the Bronx to this section committee at one of its meetings.

[] upheld [] and stated that no one was called a "liar and slanderer" by [] or any one else during the discussion of [] reported.

[] stated that [] heard [] calling one

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of the members of her club "liar and slanderer". She said that her club at one time was thinking "very seriously" not to reregister. But at the last meeting of her club at which Nora was present [] suggested the adoption of a resolution of calling a membership meeting to discuss the above two questions. The members agreed to remain in the party after this resolution was adopted by the Riverdale Club.

[] was against the calling of a section membership meeting on the question of the elections in the Bronx: "Who is interested to hear again and again the story of the November 1958 elections. [] did make such a report. Bill Albertson also reported on the elections to the Northwest and Northeast Sections. On the question of name-calling I believe [] mentioned something in this connection that [] was telling the truth about the party's attitude towards the IST." [] proposed that [] should withdraw this resolution because of the fact that [] claims she did not do any name-calling and to take up the question of name-calling again in the club.

After more discussions [] agreed to withdraw "temporarily" this resolution but they insisted on calling a section membership meeting on the question of the elections in the Bronx. [] voted against the calling of such a meeting. The majority voted for having a section membership meeting. It was decided to hold a section membership meeting. It was decided to hold a section membership meeting at the Bainbridge ALP meeting hall on Feb. 27th or March 6th, - at whatever date the hall could be rented.

The next meeting of the section committee will be held on Feb. 26th at the same address [] apartment.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

DATE: 3/5/59

FROM: SA b6
b7cSUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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Re NY airtel to Bureau 2/4/59, captioned as above.

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION
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By referenced airtel the following information had been forwarded to the Bureau. Complete dissemination of this information is being made by this memorandum.

On 2/3/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date the regularly scheduled meeting (held each Tuesday) of resident members of NEC and others was held in the 3rd floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 W. 26th St., NYC. The following were in attendance:

ROBERT THOMPSON, EUGENE DENNIS, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, JACK STACHEL, HY LUMER, IRVING POTASH, ARNOLD JOHNSON, BEN DAVIS, and BILL ALBERTSON (part of meeting).

- 1- New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (r15)
- 1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS, Jr.) (415)
- 1- New York (100-91330)
- 1- New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1- New York (100-80640) (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION) (415)
- 1- New York (100-89590) (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-13203)
- ①- New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (415)
- 1- New York (100-52959) (CHARLES LOMAN) (422)
- 1- New York (100-26603-c43) (CP, USA - DIST #2 - KINGS) (422)
- 1- New York (100-80641) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (415)

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ROBERT THOMPSON spoke first and emphasized what he considered the Party's main needs of the moment, namely leadership and party organization. He called for "a program for struggle against Imperialism". He called for more functioning and active Party clubs as a means of mobilizing and winning members back into the Party; stressing that the Party must not allow the press drive "to become an endless general thing". He mentioned that their program's aim includes (1) providing job-security for negroes, 2) ending discrimination against the negroes, 3) helping develop a nationwide campaign for 30 hour week, 4) stimulating the demands for a united organized drive to (establish 30 hour week)? 5) developing action in trade unions on the criticism of the NAACP and mobilize mass support for the negro integration struggle. 6) On key political questions must form a united front to defeat all anti-Labor bills now before the Congress, the so-called anti-racketeering bill, and for the outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. He stated the Party must give serious consideration "to organizing the South". THOMPSON read "a memo" which [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] gave him enumerating things which [redacted] thinks "should find expression in their program": 1) passage of state and national legislation for negro rights, 2) restoring the 1957 Civil Rights Bill and (widen?) Civil Rights (issues?), and 3) end segregation in housing.

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THOMPSON suggested the "Popularization" of socialism through party's 40th Anniversary, utilization of JIM (JACKSON) and [redacted] upon their return from Europe, May Day celebration and lastly point out the political-prisoner issue mentioning how JACKSON had used this issue effectively at the 21st Congress of USSR.

JACK STACHEL spoke next and hastily explained the 1958 Worker budget of \$150,000; why it existed; how it was not obtained and how the National Office had to foot the bill. He pointed out: the necessity of facing a price increase in setting up next year's budget. He said he was against the increase.

He stated that NY supplied 3/4 of the funds to save "The Worker" and offered the figure of \$90,000 minimum income to finance the paper next year.

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GENE DENNIS felt they should concentrate on 2 or 3 nationwide issues with emphasis in industry. He mentioned the SUB and FEP movements in Ohio and felt these together with the 30 hr. week issue was a real mass movement.

IRVING POTASH agreed with singling out 2 or 3 national issues that would include all sections of the Party. He also felt a guide was needed on how to develop these issues. He felt that there should be a concentrated effort to "bring back the Daily Worker . . . somehow".

BEN DAVIS felt that social development became a key issue. Concentration should be on issues and should be developed in a way where "our limited forces can make a change". He felt the 30 hour week issue was only a part of the bigger issue of Unemployment. DAVIS said regarding the negro question in the South that "we haven't been getting down to the guts of what's been happening in the South".

HY LUMER stated we must pinpoint issues more closely in connection with mass work and the fight for Negro rights.

[redacted] felt that "we should enlarge the Negro question".

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated one of the main problems was mobilizing the Party to carry out mass work.

ARNOLD JOHNSON felt all Party members could work harder on the over-all plan which should be simple and have flexibility. He stated that a Special Committee should be set up to approach officially some former comrades and in this way possibly bring back to our Party some "very valuable people".

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(It was indicated that further discussion would be held re the above).

BEN DAVIS gave a report on the action of the State Committee relative to [redacted]. He said that the State Committee adopted essentially seven motions:

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1) Uphold the action of the State Board concerning the suspension of [] and publication of his suspension.

2) Uphold the action of the State Board as to the measures taken to strengthen or improve the work of the Brooklyn Party organization.

3) Accept the proposal of Comrade [] to withdraw the statement he issued because it can be used for factional purposes.

4) Refer to the State Board the question of a further examination of [] assignment.

5) Lift the suspension of LOMAN to be effective as of (this week?)

6) Issue a statement to this effect.

7) Refer to the Board the question of issuing a basic statement on this situation for the political and ideological clarification and education of the Party.

DAVIS said that at first [] displayed stubborn opposition to the proposals (of the State Committee?) but subsequently softened his attitude and pledged to uphold and support whatever the State Board and State Committee members would carry on.

DAVIS stated that he felt that the comrades in the National Office should have taken more initiative with respect to contact with []

He said that "we" need a complete reorganization of the Brooklyn County leadership and was of the opinion that [] should be taken out of Brooklyn. DAVIS stated that LOMAN is a "militant guy" and that given proper leadership LOMAN can develop into a fine comrade.

BILL ALBERTSON commented that it had been shown to [] that his future in the Party was up to him.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-32208)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 3/13/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [redacted] that a meeting of the District Committee, CPED, was held 3/11/59, at 1345 West Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia. CP registration for 1959 was one of the items on the agenda. In relation to this, [redacted] District Treasurer, CPED, stated he had received 125 registrations for 1959, out of the 175 people which the CP carries as members on its District rolls. [redacted] gave no breakdown of this membership by sections. He suggested, and the DC approved, that CP registration period be extended to 3/31/59, in order to complete registration.

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at the 2-21-59 session of a CP Regional Labor Conference held at Chicago, Illinois.

Informant	[redacted] (reliable info in past)	
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In order to afford informant maximum security, the Bureau, by letter dated 3-2-59, required all offices subsequently utilizing information appearing herein in reports to make exception to Part II, Section 4b(11), Manual of Rules and Regulations, by using "CG" rather than "SL" as a prefix to the T-symbol assigned to this informant in such reports.

March 4, 1959

A Communist Party-USA Regional Labor Conference was held at Chicago, Illinois on February 21 and 22, 1959, on the second floor of a building at 405 Roosevelt Road (at Pulaski). It was held from 1:30 P.M. to 6:50 P.M. on February 21st and from 10:00 A.M. to 1:40 P.M. on February 22, 1959. A total of 28 persons attended, consisting of delegates from Chicago, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, National CP-USA, was also in attendance.

The conference was scheduled to begin at 1:00 P.M. on February 21, 1959, but due to the failure of some of the delegates to arrive on time, those present talked informally until 1:30 P.M., at which time CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a member of the National Committee, CP-USA, called for the attention of those delegates present, stating that some of the delegates had apparently experienced automobile trouble, but that the conference should begin without them. He stated that the period of crisis and internal dissension which the CP had been through was now about cleared up, and that it was time to start serious efforts to bring the CP out of its isolation. He welcomed those delegates present and stated that the conference was being held for the purpose of examining the Communist Party work in labor; to examine the CP position and methods of work utilized in shop groups; and to determine ways and means of improving such methods. He stated that all methods

of work utilized in the past would have to be closely examined, as there was every indication they were outmoded. He stated that the CP would have to develop methods for getting into the mainstream of problems confronting laboring people. He stated that he expected a great deal to be accomplished by the conference, as it would allow those present to obtain a better look at themselves. He suggested that a Chairman of the conference be appointed and that the agenda consist of reports from each area to be followed by a summary. He stated that the conference would recess at 7:00 P.M. on that date, to reconvene at 10:00 A.M. the following day, with a break at 1:00 P.M. for lunch after which the conference would end at 3:00 P.M.

[redacted] State Chairman of the Missouri CP, who was one of the Missouri delegates, then suggested that the conference on the second day run straight through to 2:00 P.M., after which those who so desired could have lunch, as he anticipated there would be difficulty and great loss of time in getting all delegates back in time in the event a break for lunch was allowed prior to the ending of the conference. The other delegates agreed with [redacted] and his suggestion that the conference run straight through to end at 2:00 P.M. on the following day. It was adopted.

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LIGHTFOOT then suggested that [redacted] a Chicago delegate active in railroad, be appointed Chairman of the conference.

A motion was so made and seconded and [] was installed as Chairman, after which he called for the reports of those delegates present.

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[] delegate from Wisconsin, male, white, 5' 3", 180 lbs., stocky build, bushy black hair, thick glasses, gave the Wisconsin report. He stated that there were not too many CP groups in industry in his state, as they had all been hit hard by the crisis. He stated it had been found necessary to be extremely flexible in manner of program and work, as a great many members were somewhat frightened and offered varying degrees of cooperation. He stated some group members would take literature and give financial contributions but that they would refuse to attend meetings because of fear of inadequate security. He stated no effort was made to pressure such individuals but that efforts were made to work with them in the best manner possible which was satisfactory to the individuals involved. He stated that in spite of this difficulty, considerable work and contributions had been obtained from such persons. He stated that Wisconsin was not doing well on obtaining subscriptions to "The Worker," but that he felt more definitely could be done. He stated that the comrades in his district would have to learn how to involve themselves in the problems of the American working class. He stated Wisconsin, as everywhere else, was plagued with layoffs and unemployment with nothing being done about them. He

stated those were the main problems the CP would have to tackle. He stated there was no unemployed council or similar organization in his district and that he hoped to learn from the reported experiences of others at the conference, ways and means of adequately dealing with the situation in Wisconsin.

delegate from Indiana, white, male, 5' 11", 180 lbs., black hair - greying, wearing a hearing aid, narrow features, apparently in fifties, gave the next report. He stated Indiana had lost heavily in shop clubs during the crisis, as a result of the Communist Party's failure to properly analyze the situation with regard to its effect on laboring people. He stated many persons had come into the Communist Party with Utopian ideas, believing and expecting the CP capable of solving all their problems. He stated that when the CP made mistaken evaluations of situations, such people became disillusioned as they felt the CP could not and should not make mistakes. He stated that this was the fault of the CP which it must remedy itself. He stated that a great many former and currently inactive members gave as their reason for their inactivity, their fear of inadequate security. He stated he felt the question of security was a false one, as the only security the CP could have would be in the masses. He stated he felt sure the FBI was aware of what most members of the Communist Party were doing anyway, and that the key to overcoming the fears of such members would

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be to involve them in a good hard-fought struggle. He said the key to proper functioning of any CP group was involvement in struggle to the point where the individual members were so wrapped up in the struggle that they would have no time to worry about security. He stated that Indiana intended to have a series of forums open to the people at which various speakers would be invited to participate. He stated that APTHEKER had recently spoken at such a forum in Indiana. He stated further that the Indiana CP was in the process of setting up its own CP paper. He stated that a recent attempt had been made in Indiana to repeal the State's Right to Work Law as a result of CP influence. One of the bills to repeal had so many amendments that it was considered worse than the existing law, but that after considerable effort they had managed to get a fairly good bill passed in the house. He stated trouble was expected on the bill in the Senate, as that body had a Republican majority. He stated that some inactive CP members, as well as the general public, might feel that the CP had no part or influence in what was going on, but that actually those who knew and were involved in the struggle were aware that the CP exerted tremendous influence as evidenced by the headline of an Indiana newspaper which he exhibited which stated "Reds for Repeal of Right to Work Law."

The Minnesota delegate, name unknown, a white male, 5' 11", 190 lbs., sandy hair, reddish complexion, deep voice,

gave the Minnesota report. He stated that the Communist Party in his state had very little influence in unions or politics. He stated they had no railroad clubs and that all industrial worker members were in one group or area. He stated that Minnesota was a large railroad center and that it was regrettable that no more progress had been made in this industry. He stated that one fairly well developed railroad club had once existed there. He stated that persons were no longer being dismissed from their employment because of being accused as Reds. He stated that Minnesota was in bad shape on the problem of obtaining subscriptions to "The Worker," as work had not yet been begun in this regard. He stated he hoped to learn much from the conference and to be able to take back some encouragement.

At this time the Detroit delegation arrived, consisting of CARL WINTER; [redacted] white, 6' 1", 180 lbs., dark brown hair, swarthy complexion; a Negro male of Indian appearance, 5' 10", 170 lbs., black hair, well-dressed, in auto industry, age 32; and a white woman, name unknown, 5' 4", 120 lbs., mid-40's, red hair, thin face heavily made up, lame in one leg. WINTER gave the Michigan report. He stated that the CP was experiencing TAFT-HARTLEY trouble in Detroit as CP members who had held union posts in the past now found themselves barred by legal restrictions both of the union and the Government. He stated that unfortunately claiming the Fifth Amendment automatically raised the presumption that the individual so claiming

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was a Communist. He stated that to date approximately one-fifth of the Communist Party members in industry had been driven out by repressive legal and union restrictions. He stated that in spite of this the CP had been finding ways to work with labor and to obtain recruits. He stated that the CP had been setting up industrial clubs along language group lines within the automobile industry which attracted persons of the same nationalistic background as the other members of each club. He stated that recently a trade union leadership conference made up of top level UAW Negro officials had been formed, and that Negro CP members were welcome and working in the organization. He stated that the basic problems today in the automobile industry are unemployment and speedup, and that the struggle of the Detroit CP was based on those problems. He said that surprisingly enough, leadership in the struggle had come from where it might be least expected, the Tool and Die Makers, which are more or less the elite of the machinist trade. He stated they had made up a skilled trade and production workers council which with its work and push, had forced REUTHER to call for an unemployed March on Washington. He stated that REUTHER and the Ford Company were trying to bring pressure to bear on the council but that they had not succeeded too well so far. He stated that there was no need kidding themselves, as it was due to CP efforts that the unemployed March on Washington was gaining momentum and that REUTHER's endorsement of the Youth March on Integration had also been the result of CP pressure. He stated that this was a

principle other areas might well employ. He stated that another basic problem was finance. He stated further that the unemployed in Michigan had been influential in getting Ford workers to take a position against performing overtime work in favor of calling more unemployed workers back to perform the additional work. He stated that other areas which were nearly as hard hit as Detroit should give consideration to using this tactic, and that they should consider setting up an unemployed council, as the unemployed were ripe for organization and use in that manner. He stated that recently a group of steel workers in Detroit who were in no way connected with the CP had come to CP officials and asked that they set up classes for some of their own union members at which the basic fundamentals of unionism and some MARXism would be taught. WINTER concluded his remarks at approximately 3:30 P.M., after which a five-minute break was allowed.

The Ohio delegate, name unknown, white, 6' 1", 185 lbs., athletic build, light brown hair, brown eyes, late 30's, Irish brogue and who used his hands and mannerisms noticeably as he talked, gave the next report. He stated that the basic problem to be learned by the the Ohio CP was how to work with people and to develop flexibility in its program. He stated that just as in Wisconsin, many inactive members bought literature and made financial contributions, but refused to attend CP group meetings. He stated that the Socialist Workers Party was able to purchase radio time in Ohio and that attempts have been made by the CP

to obtain radio time, but that nothing had been accomplished even though the CP had fought for the SWP right to buy such time. He stated that there was not much open Red-baiting in Ohio and that CP members were allowed to run for offices in unions. He stated that a recent FEPC bill had passed the house in Ohio and that the CP had distributed literature and done work in support of the bill. He stated that efforts were being made to visit former CP members and currently inactive CP members frequently in order to restore their confidence by constant contact. He suggested that this method might be productive in other areas.

[redacted] State Chairman of the Missouri CP, who was one of the Missouri delegates, gave the next report. He stated that the CP crisis in St. Louis had been caused by occurrences different than those in most other jurisdictions. He stated that the cause in St. Louis was the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings. After such hearings, resignations from the CP increased until it was necessary to reorganize the entire industrial area. He stated they had lost heavily in railroad, electric and auto and that the Missouri CP currently had only three people in auto, two in electrical industry and only one in railroad. He said that St. Louis clubs were not set up according to industry but according to the geographical residence of individual members, and that membership includes some non-industrial workers. He stated there had recently been an increase in literature distributions in and around St. Louis which had resulted

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in an increase in visits from the FBI. He stated that little had been done in the way of recruiting and that finances were a continuing problem. He stated that an effort had been made to get the NAACP to move on the Youth March on Integration, but that no success had been realized to date. He stated that shop clubs met fairly regularly and that attendance was good. He stated that the party had recently begun a series of MARXist classes to raise the level of understanding of cadres and that attendance had been good which led him to believe that Missouri would eventually get on its feet. He stated that outstate organization was extremely difficult due to the lack of anyone who could engage in that work on a full-time basis. He stated the Missouri CP was successful in setting up a group of five CP members in Kansas City, Missouri, but that the organization there hit a snag with the result that only two persons were meeting regularly there at that time. [redacted] then introduced [redacted] the other Missouri delegate, stating that [redacted] would give an example of his CP influence as a CP member in the railroad industry.

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[redacted] stated that at one time CP membership in the railroad club in St. Louis had amounted to 12 persons but that today there was only one member of the St. Louis CP employed in the railroad industry. He stated he felt those present might be interested in the work in and around St. Louis resulting from CP influence in railroad matters. He stated he was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, a union which until 1947, had allowed

Negroes only auxiliary status. He stated that at the 1947 convention of the union it had been voted to accept Negroes as full-fledged members but that they should be eligible for membership only in segregated locals. He stated that as a result of obtaining this separate but equal status, the Negro locals had formed a joint council of Negro lodges set up composed of officers of the 15 segregated locals on the basis of two delegates from each local. He stated that he had been chosen to be one of his local's delegates to the joint council in 1954. At that time, few Negroes were working in upgraded positions, the majority being employed in the Service and Maintenance Divisions. He stated he had initiated a campaign in the joint council to upgrade Negroes in their job which resulted in their being placed as check clerks, yard clerks, freight checkers and pickers. He stated the MK&T Railroad, the Missouri-Pacific Railroad, the Wabash Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad, were companies which willingly upgraded Negro employees. He stated that unfortunately most Negroes employed on railroad jobs had lost their employment due to recent mass layoffs in the railroad industry and the fact that they generally had less seniority than white workers. He stated that prior to the union convention in Kansas City in 1954, the union had a Missouri State Legislative Board set up for lobbying purposes and composed of five white members. The joint council felt Negroes should have representation on this board and under joint council leadership, the 15 locals in

Metropolitan St. Louis agreed on a single Negro candidate. A trip was then made to Kansas City, Missouri, which had seven locals also organized into a joint council structure which joint council also agreed on the same candidate. A trip to Springfield, Missouri then accomplished the same purpose with the two locals there. As a result, the Negro lodges had 23 votes in one package at the time of the union convention. He stated that two factions had developed among the white membership of the union contending for the union chairmanship. Members of the joint council sat down with one of the candidates and outlined their desires to have Negro representation on the Missouri State Legislative Board and agreed to support him if he would include their candidate on his slate. The candidate agreed and the Negroes were successful in obtaining Negro representation on the legislative board. He stated the only drawback was that it was necessary to go through the same procedure each year in order to keep their candidate on the board. He stated another accomplishment had been the obtaining of equal rights for Negro railroad employees to obtain treatment at the various railroad hospitals in the area. He stated previously Negroes had been allowed out-patient facilities only in railroad hospitals such as the Frisco Hospital in St. Louis, and, if illness or injury required, a long period in the hospital, they were forced to go to either Springfield, Illinois or Memphis, Tennessee which worked a tremendous hardship on their families. He stated that the joint council had set up a committee

and called on the heads of such hospitals indicating that the practice would be given wide-spread publicity if continued. A letter outlining the conditions was also sent to the grand president of the brotherhood. He stated that after several meetings with hospital officials they had agreed to admit Negroes on a temporary basis to determine if any repercussions would result. He stated Negroes are still being admitted on a temporary basis, but that the problem has considerably lessened as there are fewer Negroes employed on the railroad at this time. He stated that a development in regard to segregation occurred recently within the joint council which he felt might be of interest to those present. The question of merging the Negro locals with the white locals was discussed, and when the matter was put to a vote all 15 Negro locals voted against such integration. Subsequent examination of the reasons prompting such votes disclosed that the Negroes felt that they were not qualified by reason of education and experience to handle the majority of positions now held by white employees in the railroad industry, whereas most white employees were considered qualified to hold positions now occupied by Negro employees. Most white employees hold greater seniority than most Negro employees and the Negroes were fearful, in view of the wide-spread general layoffs in the industry, that the whites might "bump" them from their jobs by exercise of their seniority.

He stated that this might be one instance in which integration might result in an economic loss to the Negro which would temporarily, at least, outweigh any immediate advantages otherwise obtainable, but that in spite of this possibility he still felt the integration of the locals to be of prime importance at this time. He stated that in 1952, railroad workers numbered one and one-quarter million, whereas total employees in the industry at this time number 843,000. He stated that in spite of 200,000 employees dismissed or furloughed, the railroads had shown a profit of \$590,000,000 during the last year. He stated that the questions of a shorter work week, an increase in pension benefits, and a reduction in retirement age, were seen as one of the basic solutions to the current unemployment crisis in railroads and that to succeed in gaining these benefits, Negro-white unity in integrated locals would be necessary. He stated that his immediate problem was to raise the level of understanding of the members of the Negro locals to the point where they could recognize the long-term advantage to be gained by integration of the locals. He stated that recent attempts have been made regarding advocacy of the above-mentioned benefits among the maintenance and way employees of the industry who had been hardest hit in the unemployment crisis, but that not much headway had been made to date. He stated that he hoped to gather much helpful information from the experience of others at the conference.

LUCIUS (LNU), Chicago delegate, male Negro, 5' 6", 210 lbs. age approximately 55 years, stocky build, dark complexion, Southern

accent, stated that in his estimation the personal problems of the individual members were the biggest obstacle to be overcome in getting shop clubs in the CP to functioning properly, as the discrimination resulting from the stigma of CP membership would attach itself to the member's family as well as to himself and was, in his opinion, the chief reason why some persons hesitated to throw themselves wholeheartedly into the movement. As a possible remedy he suggested that those present think in terms of the possibility of setting up a national trade union council of the CP made up primarily of Negro trade union leaders whose responsibility would be to sit down and work out solutions to the problems of Negroes in industry. He stated that the old feeling of solidarity which had existed between Negroes and whites was no longer apparent. He stated that the Negro people once had deep roots in the Communist Party and that those roots could be made to grow again if given proper cultivation and care.

Cleveland delegate, then stated that he had formerly been able to do considerable work in the railroad industry but that he was no longer in that industry. He stated very little was being done in Cleveland around railroad. He stated that in his estimation it was of primary importance that the CP learn to move quickly and decisively on specific issues as otherwise it would have no influence on the masses. He stated as an example the CP had moved either late or not at all on such important specific

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issues as unemployment, taxes and speedups, which are all problems of importance to the American worker. He stated that he felt that shop clubs would have to be reinstated as they were the heart and core of the Communist Party, and that there could be no adequate substitute for them.

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At that time, [] stated he had to go out on a train that evening and that it would be necessary for him to leave at that time. He stated he had placed copies of a pamphlet containing a brief report on the railroad industry on the table and that they might be distributed at the end of the session. He stated that in his estimation the most pressing responsibility of the CP was to put pressure on the NAACP to move against discrimination in the railroad industry. He stated he felt efforts of the CP could be highly successful along such lines. He stated it was high time something be done regarding the few remaining labor organizations in the railroad industry which continued to practice JIM CROW policy. He stated that most of his time was devoted to ridding railroad brotherhoods of discriminatory practices and that there were still several, such as the Trainmen and Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, which excluded Negroes from their ranks entirely. He stated this matter was of sufficient importance to be brought to the attention of all shop clubs and to be widely discussed in such clubs. He then left the meeting at approximately 6:15 P.M.

At this point, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT asked if it was agreeable if Comrade [redacted] took over as Chairman of the meeting. Those present agreed. [redacted] Chicago delegate, white male, 5' 3", 170 lbs., late 50's, short and stocky, black hair streaked with grey, heavy, hornrimmed glasses, slight accent, assumed the chair. He asked if those present had places to stay that night and for those who did not to raise their hands. Seven or eight persons raised their hands. LIGHTFOOT then asked FLO (LNU), Chicago delegate, white female, who was from her remarks presumably an employee of International Harvester Company, if she had any accommodations at her residence to which she replied in the affirmative. She and [redacted] then circulated among the delegates and assigned them places to stay. [redacted] gave out small pieces of paper on which appeared the name [redacted] and space for listing the name of and type of accommodations desired by the persons receiving them.

When they had finished, [redacted] from Indiana, stated that [redacted] had mentioned a railroad leaflet being on the table at the time he left which could be distributed to those present at the conclusion of the session. He stated that he noted that the leaflets had been taken off the table and placed on a stand behind. He stated he understood there was some controversy as to whether or not they should be distributed and that he had read the pamphlet carefully and found only one or two paragraphs which contained anything at all controversial.

He stated one paragraph in particular was considered objectionable by him and that it dealt with revisionism, but that he felt any such paragraphs could be easily marked out and that the pamphlets should be distributed as they apparently contained much valuable information which could be put to good use by the various delegates in their home districts. LIGHTFOOT stated that he felt the pamphlets should not be distributed as they had been prepared by a special committee of the CP set up in railroad and had not yet been reviewed by the National Committee; and that he felt distribution should be deferred until the National Committee had an opportunity to go over the pamphlet thoroughly. A motion was made and seconded that the conference adjourn at that time, and it was so agreed. LIGHTFOOT reminded everyone that they should be back at the conference at 10:00 A.M. promptly on the following day, and the conference adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

There was a total of 28 persons present at the February 21, 1959 session of the conference as above, most of whom have been named or described herein. They were: EUGENE DENNIS of New York; CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, [redacted] [redacted] and a Negro named [redacted] who was apparently in Mine-Mill, all of Chicago; CARL WINTER, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and NAT GANLEY, origin unknown.

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The names or descriptions of other persons attending were not obtained.

There was no registration of delegates at this conference.

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AIRMAIL-REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

RE: CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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SSSF 2148-S* on 3/11/59 advised that MICKEY LIMA, Chairman of the CP Northern California District, received a memorandum on the registration campaign, which declared that registration of CP members would take place between March 1 and April 30, 1959, with registration forms to be turned in to the County Secretary by 3/31/59.

The memorandum also declared that all drops are to be handled as readmittances into the Party and they are to be recruited and sponsored by two members, as provided in the constitution. One of the sponsors must write a statement as to why the readmittance is being proposed and the person applying for readmittance must write a statement giving reasons for applying. The clubs shall act first on the readmittance, after which all papers are turned over to the County Secretary and final decision will be made by the District Organizational Committees.

All new members and all transfers must be approved in the first instance by the District Organizational Committee and such members are assigned to a club by that body.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1214-Sub G) DATE: 3/24/59
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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: 11TH A. D. CLUB
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Identity of Source: [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: Details of meeting of 11th A.D. CP held 3/6/59

Date received: 3/10/59

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- 1 - NY 100-82206 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-81286 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-127818 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-114287 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-73325 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-128817 (CP, NYD - MEMBERSHIP) (416)
 - 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-62955 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-79025 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-62847 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES E. JACKSON) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-128823 (CP, NYD - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION) (416)
 - 1 - NY 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-26603-C1214 (HARLEM CP SECTION) (425)
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11th A.D. Club of the Harlem Area C.P.

The 11th A. D. Club of the Harlem Area of the C.P. held a meeting on Friday March 6, 1959 at the residence of [redacted]

[redacted] New York City at 9:00 p.m. Among those present were the following, [redacted]

[redacted]

Points on the agenda, which were made up by [redacted] were as follow:

1. [redacted] stated that registration from the Harlem Area and the C.P. in general did not come up to expectation. Quite a few of the comrades who were registered in 1958, did not regridate for 1959. The Harlem region suggested that some of the old comrades contact these persons who did not register for 1959, find out their reasons and bring them back into the C.P. Within the near future a list shall be gotten up of all persons who did not register for 1959, and a few names shall be distribute to the enrolled members, to go out and contact those that did not enroll for 1959. [redacted] stated that

[redacted] shall compile this list, and when ready members of the 11th A. D. Club, shall be asked to contact these persons.

2) [redacted] the press director announced that the March 15-21, 1959 issue of the Worker shall have a special Flyer on the Unemployment situation of today. It has been suggested that the Harlem region would call a Sat & Sunday mobilization, Mar 14, 15, 1959 to contact the 6,000 persons who signed Ben Davis's recent petition for State Senator, and acquaint them with the unemployment situation today, particularly among Negroes, and try to obtain a subscription for the Worker. These papers shall be delivered to Ben Davis's office at 203 West 126th Street, and there is where the mobilization shall be dispatched.

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3) A resolution booklet was given out by [redacted] to all members present to study. The resolution booklet "Theoretical Aspects of the Negro Question in the United States," by James E. Jackson. Each member is to study this booklet, and then have an open Club discussion on the context.

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This meeting was adjourned at 11:10 pm.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: March 24, 1959

FROM: ~~Director~~ Director, FBI (100-3-68)SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

As you are aware, your next quarterly report on the Communist Party (CP), USA, will be submitted in the near future.

With regard to that portion of your report which pertains to the estimated membership of the Party in your territory, the Bureau has noticed an undesirable trend. In many instances field divisions have repeatedly set forth the same estimated figures for as many as four consecutive quarterly periods. While not necessarily conclusive of such, this is certainly indicative that those offices are not affording this matter the detailed attention and analysis that it requires.

The Bureau is fully aware of the many obstacles and problems which must be overcome in order to obtain accurate figures. These factors, however, do not relieve us of our responsibility of continued and intensive coverage of the Party. Obviously, to effectively implement our over-all investigation, a basic and primary determination to be made is the estimated or, if possible, the exact size of the Party in the territory covered by our various field divisions.

Your next quarterly report on the Party as well as future quarterly reports will be carefully examined to insure that you have exerted every effort to obtain as accurate an estimation as possible of the Party's strength in your territory.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1787)(421) DATE: 4/2/59

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, NYD - BRONX
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: Details of Bronx Section meeting of CP held 3/11/59 at apt. of [redacted]

Date received: 3/18/59
Received by: [redacted]
Original located: [redacted]

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- 1 - NY 100-102654
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[redacted] very fair, about [redacted] 125-130, 5'5-6", reddish brown hair, boyish bob, small mole center left cheek, glasses, at Bronx Section CP mtg., 3/11/59, per NY 646-S)(421)

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[redacted] very fair, black hair, short bob, about [redacted] 5'5-6", 160 lbs., eyes do not focus together. at Bronx Sect. CP mtg., 3/11/59, per [redacted] (421)

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- 1 - NY 100-80638
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[redacted] referred to by [redacted] at Bronx Sect. CP mtg. 3/11/59, in same club as Edna, per [redacted] (421)

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[redacted] mentioned at Bronx Sect. CP mtg. 3/11/59 to be contacted to renew subs, per [redacted] (421)

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- 1 - NY 100-133090 (Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy) (414)
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March 14/59:

Report on the Section Meeting
Bronx Cluns on Mar. 11/59/

This meeting was held in the apt of [redacted]
[redacted] This was not the same apartment that the
Section meeting was held in before. This was a small 2 room
apt. An old woman lived there; (Possibly [redacted])
Those present were-

[redacted] Pearl Hillman

[redacted] took charge of the meeting from the first and later on
asked who had made her the chairman. All agreed she should be
and so it stood

The party to be held at [redacted] apartment on
Mar. 21st was the first subject; Preparations were shoved aside
as [redacted] said that would be handled by the "Preparations
Committee". No speaker has been planned for the meeting as it
is to be a real social gathering with food and drinks, and just
good jolly fun- [redacted] pointed out that when ever and where ever
three Communists got together-no matter what the reason it
always took a political turn; and so the political turn will
come as a natural part of the party.

[redacted] said the purpose of the party is to get as many x-C.P.
and non-registered members together as possible to try to give
them the feeling that the C.P. is still very much alive and to
let them know that if they are discouraged and think nothing is
being done or needs to be done they are wrong. She said that
once you put the spark of hope in a Communist and he sees that
there is a place for him to do work he will want to get into
the running "like an old fire horse." At the same time she feels
it is a good idea to try to keep the party informal and just let
them relax and talk. Drinks will be sold at 35¢ and donations
accepted but no charge will be made for the party or the food.

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Next [] asked for the others to tell what their clubs were doing about the Mobilization for Subscriptions and the Worker and other Party business. When she told about the members going out on Sundays with the Worker she was very pleased to know that some real work is at last being done in the Clubs. She told of how a certain group had gone to the Sedgwick Houseing and in one hour they had "placed 20 Workers. There were five in that group. This is considered quite good for five people to do in one hour.

She said that a new educational program was about to be started in the clubs. Also that there is an exhibit going on at 128 West 42nd St. and any one who had the time can go there and just say they are from a Bronx Club and they will be told what to do to help. One of the ways to help is to go out for signatures on some petition. Just what is not clear yet.

Here [] said that she had a problem that she wanted to put before the others and she went into a long session and got very much upset by the telling of a person called [] who is a member of her club who had criticized the Draft Resolution on the Negro problem by Jim Jackson. [] took some time trying to make it clear to the others that she was not telling this on a personal basis and that she had nothing against [] as a person, etc.

After listening to [] stumble through her explanation of what was said they all agree that they had the same experience in their clubs or in the other section meetings as well as the County and that [] should not be so upset over it. From what [] told about [] it seems that she was of the same opinion as [] said that the clubs are the "hub" of the C.P. and we should all try to work together as much as possible and if any do not seem to want to be amiable we should just leave them out of things and try being patient until they either drop out, are expelled or show a willingness to work with the club.

The meeting was to be stopped at 10 P.M. - evidently because of the old woman who lives there. Most of the talk was rather informal and the subjects talked about were the same subjects that have been talked over in the club. [] said

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that they should, as individuals decide what they want to do - or rather just what part of club work each is best suited to and plan to work with an objective in mind. We should not have any personal ambitions outside of our club work.

The attitudes of every one is of vital importance. No matter what position any one takes in the club we happen to be in we are not to take offence or think of that position as a personal problem. Those things indicate a weakness and we must find a way to overcome this weakness. We must work to get the C.P. on its feet. Look for ways to bring better educational methods to the clubs.

That the members should make it a habit to study the articles that are to be discussed and understand them before they come to a meeting. "Read ahead. Study. Digest and know the subject. It is necessary to know the subject that is to be discussed. In the past few years the Comrades have been lazy about this. Just now the important article to study and know well is the Jim Jackson article.



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Some names that were dropped in conversation: [redacted]

[redacted] These people are to be visited by [redacted] to get them to renew their subs.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C320) (421) DATE: 4/15/59
 FROM :
 SUBJECT: N.W. BRONX SECTION COMMITTEE CP
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Identity of Source: who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal).

Description of Info: Info re meeting of NW Bronx Section Committee CP held 3/30/59.

Date Received: 4/1/59

Received By:

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1-NY 100-128817 (CPUSA NYD MEMBERSHIP) (416)
 1-NY 100-80638 (CPUSA MEMBERSHIP) (415)
 1-NY 100-26603-C40 (CPUSA BRONX) (421)
 1-NY 100-26603-C1777 (CPUSA VAN CORTLANDT) (421)
 1-NY 100-26603-C04 (CPUSA RIVERDALE) (421)
 1-NY 100-69941
 1-NY 100-102025
 1-NY 100-60894
 1-NY 100-123890
 1-NY 100-104269
 1-NY 100-120276
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 1-NY 100-25821
 1-NY 100-136272 (YOUTH MARCH ON WASHINGTON) (41)
 1-NY 100-47142 (MAY DAY CELEBRATION) (41)
 1-NY 97-169 (PUBLISHER'S NEW PRESS) (415)
 1-NY 100-26603-C322 (CPUSA MOSHOLU) (421)
 1-NY 100-26603-C1787 (CPUSA NW SECTION) (421)
 1-NY 100-80633 (CPUSA EDUCATION) (416)
 1-NY 100-26603-C1797 (CPUSA PARENT TEACHERS) (421)
 1-NY 100-26603-C320 (421)

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Report

Communist Party U.S.A.
activities.

March 31, 1959
New York.

A meeting of the Northwest Bronx Section Committee C.P. was held on March 30th, 1959 at [redacted] Bronx, N.Y. at [redacted] apartment.

(A previous meeting of the same committee slated for March 18th did not take place because only one member [redacted] showed up.)

The following members were present at this meeting: [redacted]
[redacted]

The first question was the party (C.P.) registration.

[redacted] reported that the Mosholu Club C.P. has registered 19 members.

[redacted] reported that the Kingsbridge Club registered 12 members. [redacted] didn't register. "They still didn't decide - to register or not to register"- Nora reported) [redacted] reported that [redacted] told her that 7 members registered at the Van Cortlandt Club and 7 members registered at the Riverdale Club. The meeting decided to try to register 60 members in the Northwest Bronx Section.

There was a discussion of club activities. [redacted] reported that the Mosholu Club is meeting regularly every two weeks. The members pay their dues and raise funds for The Worker.

Regular meetings are also being held by the Van Cortland and the Riverdale Clubs.

It turned out that the Kingsbridge Club is now the "worst club" in the section. "Last year this club was the best in the section" - remarked [redacted]

It was decided to try to improve the work of the Kingsbridge Club.

A meeting of the Kingsbridge Club will be called for April 7th, 1959. Every member will be notified of the meeting and Nan Dickman will come to this meeting. She will talk about "organizational activities."

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It was decided to ask all the C.P. clubs in the Northwest Bronx Section to work for the Youth March on School Integration. Each club should try to have a neighborhood youth representation in the Youth March.

C.P. Club members who are engaged in PT work should try to organize through PT members the participation of students from different schools in the Youth March.

At this meeting the section raised \$30.00 for Youth March activities. [redacted] donated \$5.00, Al Naidich - \$5.00 [redacted] raised for this purpose \$12.00 in "donations from friends," [redacted] \$3.00 and Nora - \$5.00.

[redacted] will keep this money and will give out to the clubs "according to their need of funds for the Youth marchers in their neighborhoods."

The Section Committee decided to urge all C.P. members of the clubs to participate in the May 1959 demonstration. It was decided that each club should have one educational meeting on May Day and that the club members should try to mobilize people in their neighborhoods for participation in the May Day 1959 celebration.

The meeting also decided to have "a forum" on the question of education in the Soviet Union. [redacted] was instructed to contact the State Committee C.P. to get a "good speaker on this subject: a speaker who will be able to attract non party people also." This forum should be held not later than the middle of May at the Bainbridge ALP headquarters.

It was also decided to concentrate on getting the renewals of subs for The Worker.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on April 13th, 1959 at [redacted] apart.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89179)(#421) DATE: 4/16/59

FROM : [Redacted]

SUBJECT: BELLA ALTSHULER
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Identity of Source [Redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Report of a conversation between [Redacted] 4/4/59.

Date Received 4/8/59

Received By [Redacted]

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1 - New York (100-31019)(CP, USA - INFILTRATION INTO LABOR)(#416)

- 1 - New York (100-136709) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-83378) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100- [Redacted]) (YCL)
- 1 - New York (100-118525) (BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE)(#41)
- 1 - New York (100-81860) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-107419) (EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE)(#41)
- 1 - New York (100-133495) (FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE)(#41)
- 1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)(#415)
- 1 - New York (100-128818) (CP, NYS - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES)(#416)
- 1 - New York (100-115609) (HCUA)(#41)
- 1 - New York (100-135170) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-135249) [Redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-135170) (#421)

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April 7, 1959

Report of a conversation between [redacted]
[redacted] on Saturday, April 4, 1959. Also present was
[redacted]

All three of them were discussing the world situation in general, when [redacted] criticized those individuals and/or organizations who were more interested in culture than in the success of the progressive movement, as she termed it.

[redacted] didn't like her criticism and [redacted] began a bitter argument. [redacted] asked [redacted] what he thought. [redacted] that he didn't disagree with [redacted] but that he had to support [redacted] position in this matter because he felt that [redacted] was correct on this point.

[redacted] then told [redacted] in front of [redacted], that [redacted] fights with everybody. [redacted] agreed that she disagrees with a lot of people and as a result a lot of people don't like her. However, she said, that she will not even try to change.

The conversation then concerned itself with the labor problems in the United States. [redacted] stated that the leadership of the Labor Unions are all crooked and work against the working class. She went on to say that [redacted] was a member of the Young Communist League and as a result of his Marxist training has more of an understanding of the needs of the working class.

Then [redacted] talked about the problems in civil liberties and civil rights in the country. [redacted] felt that anybody could write letters and that the BCIC was limited because of the nature of the organization, in its approach from the transition from Capitalism to Socialism.

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[redacted] that he was participating in the change from Capitalism to Socialism by engaging in the struggle for civil liberties and civil rights. She went on to state that many people are participating in the struggle without even realizing it. She cited [redacted] as an example. (Director of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.) She said that Clark is not even an ultra-progressive, and, at best, he is a Capitalist but he serves the ends of Socialism. She added that [redacted] would be in Pittsburgh the weekend of 4th & 5th of April, 1959 to form a committee along the same lines as the BCLC.

[redacted] was still adamant on his point. He reminded [redacted] that she had given him quite a few things to read on Communism and Lenin; that he had attended many affairs and she had asked him how he liked them and that he even took courses at the Faculty of Social Science. He said that as far as he was concerned, he found all this very interesting but he could in no way at present put it to good use.

[redacted] went on to tell [redacted] that he had read in the Constitution of the Communist Party in the United States, a booklet he reminded [redacted] that she had given him, that the Communist Party's strength was in the "Club". [redacted] agreed with him and asked him to continue. [redacted] then said that he was confident that the Communist Party (CP) was interested in getting members rather than turning them away. [redacted] said that this was so. [redacted] then added, that according to the Constitution of the C.P., party members could participate in discussions, party policies and the like and this is what he wanted to do.

[redacted] then told [redacted] that "we" were going to propose you for membership in a month or two. She asked [redacted] if he believed all those things he read about Marxism. [redacted] said yes. [redacted] was delighted with this response. She also told [redacted] that even if he became a "party person" he would be doing the same thing as now. [redacted] added "and more".

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[] again indicated that [] would be proposed for C.P. membership in a month or two. She did not indicate as to whom it might be even after [] asked her if it would be she.

[] also reminded her as he left that he was interested in party membership.

[] before [] left, reminded him of their appointment with Congressman James Healey on Monday evening, April 6, 1959. She said that they would discuss with the Congressman the proposed legislative conference to be sponsored by the BCLC in May and ask him to appear. Also to get Congressman Healey's reaction to the abolition of the House Un-American Committee (HUAC) plus the same matters that they had already discussed with Congressman Dollinger.

As [] was leaving, [] said that she hoped the party for [] on Saturday evening, April 11, 1959 at the apartment of [] would be a success. [] hoped so too.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-32208)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
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On 4/22/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [redacted], that a meeting of the District Administrative Committee, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEDD), was held 4/21/59 at 2018 N. 32nd Street, Philadelphia.

During this meeting, THOMAS HARRIED, CPEDD District Chairman, gave a report on registration for 1959. He stated the CPEDD had already registered 151 members and it was expected that 175 total members would be registered by the time registration is complete. Part of this total was based on oral information furnished to HARRIED, since the registration sheets received to date total only 96.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (RM)
- 4 - Philadelphia (1-100-32208) (1-65-1686) (THOMAS HARRIED)
- [redacted] (1-100-32205 Sub.A) (CINAL, LITERARY)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 4/30/59

FROM: SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, New York, 4/20/59, reflects activity of CP, USA for the quarterly period, 1/1/59 to 3/31/59. Details of such activity may be found in above report under the following headings:

Organization
Membership
Funds

- 1- New York (100-80641) (CP, USA-Organization) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80638) (CP, USA-Membership) (415)
- 1- New York (100-74560) (CP, USA-Funds) (415)
- 1- New York (100-81338) (CP, USA-Security Measures) (415)
- 1- New York (100-96985) (CP, USA-Underground Operations) (415)
- 1- New York (100-87211) (CP, USA-Factionalism) (415)
- 1- New York (100-86624) (CP, USA-International Relations) (415)
- 1- New York (100-88123) (CP, USA-United Nations) (415)
- 1- New York (100-87212) (CP, USA-Colonial Matters) (415)
- 1- New York (100-79717) (CP, USA-Political Activities) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80636) (CP, USA-Legislative Activities) (415)
- 1- New York (100-89691) (CP, USA-Domestic Administration Issues) (415)
- 1- New York (100-89590) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80644) (CP, USA-Youth Matters) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80643) (CP, USA-Women Matters) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80634) (CP, USA-Farmer Matters) (415)
- 1- New York (100-88297) (CP, USA-Cultural Activities) (415)
- 1- New York (100-79498) (CP, USA-Veterans Matters) (415)
- 1- New York (100-54651) (CP, USA-National Groups) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80864) (CP, USA-Religion) (415)
- 1- New York (100-81675) (CP, USA-Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80633) (CP, USA-Education) (415)
- 1- New York (100-133902) (CP, USA-Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations) (415)
- 1- New York (100-4931) (415)

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Strategy in Industry
Negro Question
Youth Matters
Women Matters
Farmers Matters
Cultural Activities
National Groups
Pamphlets and Publications
Education

No pertinent information concerning the following
was developed for inclusion in above report:

Security Measures
Underground Operations
United Nations
Colonial Matters
Veterans Matters
Religion
Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M * * * U N I T E D S T A T E S G O V E R N M E N T

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 5/4/59

Re New York airtel dated April 26, 1959.

UTMOST CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on April 26, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on April 30, 1959. This information consists of a brief summary of the sessions of the meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA held on April 25, 1959, in New York City.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Baltimore (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-12464) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS)
- 2 - Birmingham (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-743) [redacted]
- 3 - Boston (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-20779) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-775) [redacted]
(1 - 100-) [redacted]
- 2 - Buffalo (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-16449) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-11933) [redacted]
- 2 - Butte (REGISTERED)
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(1 - 100-5350) [redacted]

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- 3 - Cleveland (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-17257) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-421) (GUS HALL)
 - (1 - 65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
- 2 - Detroit (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-2050) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
- 2 - Indianapolis (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-11093) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-9529) (EMANUEL BLUM)
- 5 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-26044) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-4663) (BEN DOBBS)
 - (1 - 100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY)
 - (1 - 100-52571) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-) (PETTIS PERRY)
- 2 - Milwaukee (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-42-I) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-11125) (ALAN SHAW)
- 2 - Minneapolis (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-1878-P) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 61-29) [REDACTED]
- 5 - Newark (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-4284) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-35106) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-32233) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)
- 2 - New Haven (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-1873) [REDACTED]
- 42 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-81752) (CP-USA, Brief) (415)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations) (415)
 - (1 - 100-80638) (CP-USA, Membership) (415)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization) (415)

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(1 - 100-80640) (CP-USA, Negro Question) (415)
(1 - 100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
(1 - 100-80532) (HERBERT APTHEKER) (422)
(1 - 100-32826) (JAMES ALLEN) (415)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
(1 - 100-25623) (ERIK BERT) (422)
(1 - 101-559) (JESUS COLON) (415)
(1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.) (416)
(1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
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(1 - 100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
(1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
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(1 - 100-13473) (SIMON W. GERSON) (415)
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(1 - 100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
(1 - 100-58535) [REDACTED]
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(1 - 100-5700) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-111666) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-67234) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
(1 - 100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
(1 - 100-49430) (PAT TOOHEY)
(1 - 100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
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(1 - 100-19679) (ISADORE WOF SY) (415)

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3 - Philadelphia (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100-31723) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-38020) (JOE ROBERTS)
(1 - 65-1686) (THOMAS NABRIED)

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3 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-27747) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 65-1242) (ALBERT LIMA)
(1 - 61-415) (AL RICHMOND)

2 - Seattle (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-127) (BURT NELSON)

12 - Chicago
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(1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)
(1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
(1 - 100-12459) (FLO HALL)
(1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)
(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100-18457) (RALPH TURNER)
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(1 - 100-2749) (MOLLIE WEST)

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April 26, 1959

Time, Type and Place of Meeting

The first day of sessions of the meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA were held in Room #10-C at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Saturday, April 25, 1959.

Persons in Attendance

The following persons were in attendance at this meeting of the National Committee:

JAMES ALLEN
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
HERBERT APTHEKER
PHIL BART
ERIK BERT
EMANUEL BLUM
[REDACTED]
HOMER BATES CHASE
MORRIS CHILDS
JESUS COLON
BEN DAVIS
EUGENE DENNIS
CHARLES DIRBA
BEN DOBBS
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
BETTY GANNETT
SI GERSON
[REDACTED]
ABNER GREEN
FLO HALL
GUS HALL
LEM HARRIS
DOROTHY HEALEY
JOHN HELLMAN
HOSEA HUDSON
JAMES JACKSON
ARNOLD JOHNSON
[REDACTED]
ANTON KRCHMAREK
[REDACTED]
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
MICKEY LIMA
CHARLES LOMAN

HY LUMER
[REDACTED]
GEORGE MEYERS
[REDACTED]
THOMAS NABRIED
BURT NELSON
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
PETTIS PERRY
IRVING POTASH
[REDACTED]
AL RICHMOND
[REDACTED]
CLARENCE SHARP
[REDACTED]
JACK SHULMAN
[REDACTED]
JACK STACHEL
[REDACTED]
BOB THOMPSON
PAT TOOHEY
[REDACTED]
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
[REDACTED]
MOLLIE WEST
[REDACTED]
CARL WINTER
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Also present was the editor of the Hungarian paper "Magyar Jovo" (possibly)

Greetings

BURT NELSON was elected Chairman of the sessions on April 25, 1959. JACK STACHEL suggested that greetings be sent to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, GIL GREEN and HENRY WINSTON.

Report of JAMES JACKSON on the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU)

JAMES JACKSON gave a long, rambling report on the 21st Congress of the CPSU. He read several quotations from the speech of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV and other speeches delivered at the 21st Congress of the CPSU. After JACKSON's report, there was a break for lunch.

Report by ROBERT THOMPSON on the Pre-Convention Discussion

After lunch, it was announced that ROBERT THOMPSON may go to jail any day and it was requested that the agenda be altered to give his report at that time.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT then made a short speech praising the work of ROBERT THOMPSON as Executive Secretary of the Communist Party - USA. He said that the Communist Party should try to get a medical parole for THOMPSON. He stated that THOMPSON had an appointment to see a physician about possible surgery. He described how THOMPSON was injured in jail, and called BOB THOMPSON indestructable.

THOMPSON gave a report containing ideas he presented and a summary of the discussion in the National Executive Committee on the previous day in regard to the aims and purposes of the pre-Convention discussion. He said that he was speaking for the National Executive Committee. There was no discussion of THOMPSON's report. It was pointed out that the pre-Convention discussion will be dealt with at the July, 1959, meeting of the National Committee.

BOB THOMPSON then proposed that the National Committee empower the National Executive Committee to set up temporary convention committees, such as a committee to prepare the officers report, a committee to prepare the main resolution, a committee to

prepare a resolution on the Negro question, a Constitution committee, a special committee on the Party program, and a general resolution committee. It was not necessary for the National Committee to vote on these committees, since they are temporary.

Telegram of Protest of a Lynching in Mississippi

BEN DAVIS then asked for the floor and proposed that a telegram be sent to the Federal Government and to the Governor of Mississippi protesting the lynching of Negro, M. C. PARKER, in Mississippi. The telegram would hold the Federal Government responsible for the lynching because it is not enforcing integration laws.

IRVING POTASH suggested that they wait until it was known that a lynching had occurred. POTASH was shouted down. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and CARL WINTER were assigned to assist BEN DAVIS in the editing of the telegram.

Additional Reports on the 21st Congress of the CPSU

In a report lasting approximately one hour, MORRIS CHILDS gave a report dealing with the 21st Congress of the CPSU. CHILDS said that he had been travelling and was a guest at the 21st Congress of the CPSU. He emphasized the tasks of the Communist Party - USA in the United States in the struggle for peace.

GEORGE MORRIS, who complained that he had not been given any notice that he was to make a report, spoke for approximately one hour on the 21st Congress of the CPSU. It was learned that he spoke from a 64-page pamphlet which he has written on the Soviet Union.

Discussion of the Reports on the 21st Congress of the CPSU

Although an effort was made to eliminate any discussion of the reports on the 21st Congress of the CPSU, this was protested and a discussion was permitted. HOMER BATES CHASE, DOROTHY HEALEY, JACK STACHEL, JOHN HELLMAN, JESUS COLON, [REDACTED] LOUIS WEINSTOCK, and CARL WINTER participated in the discussion. CHASE complained that the Communist Party - USA was not defending the Soviet Union and had not defended the action of the Soviet Union in Hungary.

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A motion was made to endorse the three reports on the 21st Congress of the CPSU. This motion was endorsed with enthusiasm. It should be pointed out that this motion is inconsistent with the statement of the Communist Party - USA that it had only one delegate at the 21st Congress of the CPSU. In order to be consistent, only the report of JACKSON should have been endorsed.

Report on the Moving of the National
Headquarters of the Communist Party - USA
from New York City to Chicago

After a decision was made not to adjourn for dinner, JACK STACHEL, speaking for the National Executive Committee, made a report on the moving of the national headquarters of the Communist Party - USA to Chicago. He said that the possible advantages of having the headquarters in Chicago were that Chicago is an industrial center, that it is centrally located geographically, and that the atmosphere for building the Party might be better in Chicago. However, it is now too close to the time for the National Convention to move the headquarters. Further, New York City is close to Washington, D.C., is a larger city than Chicago and does have some industry.

STACHEL explained that the decision of the 16th National Convention to move the headquarters was not carried out earlier because there were public protests in Chicago against this move. Further, the factional alignment in the Party had not been cleared up. Now there is a resurgence of McCarthyism in the United States. The United States Supreme Court is under attack and there is a growing tension in the United States over the Berlin crisis. To start such a big move now would require the Party to demobilize and invite attacks against it.

He pointed out that the headquarters has been in New York for thirty-two years and has established institutions in New York. It has a cadre in New York. It has "Political Affairs", "Mainstream", and "The Worker" in New York. There would also be the danger of a dual center if the national headquarters were moved to Chicago, since not all the important people could be moved from New York City to Chicago.

STACHEL said that membership and funds also present a problem. At the time of the 16th National Convention, the Party had 18,000 members. In approximate figures, the national membership is currently just a little more than one-third of that amount.

In the three principal Districts in the Midwest -- that is, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio -- there are a total of 1,200 members, while New York has twice that number. The bulk of the rest of the membership is in California, which has as many members as the three Midwestern Districts mentioned.

In regard to funds, the New York District makes up about 60% of the deficit of "The Worker" each year. In addition, a small convention would cost \$25,000, while a larger convention would cost \$35,000. It would cost \$50,000 to move to Chicago. Thus, it would be necessary to raise \$225,000 by the end of the year in order to hold a convention and to move the headquarters to Chicago. This is impossible and impractical. In addition, many established Party institutions and many families would have to be moved. STACHEL said that he just could not see this as a practical proposition at this time. He recommended that the national headquarters remain in New York City and that the National Committee send a letter to the membership explaining why the move cannot be made and why this matter should be submitted to the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA.

STACHEL also stated that he would recommend the setting up of a stronger Midwestern Bureau with one of the Party Secretaries in charge.

By way of comment, it was learned that EUGENE DENNIS is not anxious to have GUS HALL in the National Office. Further, that DENNIS spent only a few minutes with HALL when the latter came to New York City. HALL said to DENNIS, Maybe I should stay in Cleveland. DENNIS replied that this would be fine and that HALL could be added to the National Executive Committee as one of the National Secretaries and could be in charge of the Midwestern Bureau.

STACHEL also recommended that a Midwest edition of "The Worker" be issued and that consideration be given to re-instituting the "Daily Worker" in time for the 1960 Presidential campaign.

Discussion and Motion on STACHEL's Report

made a speech in opposition to the National Executive Committee proposals on the moving of the national headquarters to Chicago. He launched into an attack against CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT without naming LIGHTFOOT. He stated that the District Board in Illinois was not consulted about the public attack in Chicago in regard to the moving of the national headquarters to Chicago.

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LIGHTFOOT then stated that at the time the decision of the 16th National Convention to move the national headquarters to Chicago was made public, there was hostility to this move on the part of the people in Chicago. He stated that he believes that this hostility does not exist at the present time.

[redacted] supported the remarks of LIGHTFOOT. By way of comment, it was learned that [redacted] had previously told LIGHTFOOT that he would support the proposals of the National Executive Committee, and then [redacted] double crossed LIGHTFOOT. This was the reason for [redacted] support of LIGHTFOOT.

CARL WINTER attacked the National Executive Committee decision and proposals. While admitting that it was impractical to move the national headquarters at this time, he said that in the letter to the membership the national leadership should admit that it made a terrible mistake in not carrying out the decision of the 16th National Convention at an earlier date.

Votes on the Proposals in Regard to Moving
the National Headquarters to Chicago

CARL WINTER's amendment lost by a vote of 18 to 12. The vote on JACK STACHEL's proposal was as follows: 26 in favor, 2 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

CHARLES LOMAN Matter and Adjournment

MOLLIE WEST asked what is being done about [redacted]. A motion was passed that the resident National Executive Committee members should decide if the [redacted] matter should be taken up by the National Committee. The meeting adjourned at this time until Sunday, April 26, 1959.

In a subsequent conversation, it was learned that EUGENE DENNIS stated that the resident National Executive Committee members decided to tell the National Committee that the New York District is currently investigating the [redacted] matter, but has not taken final action as yet. Therefore, it will be proposed that the National Committee postpone action in this matter until the decision of the New York District is known.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Attended meeting of Bellevue Club of Upper East Side Section of the Communist Party held at [redacted] Manhattan, April 16th, 1959.

Club members Present. [redacted]

Meeting got under way about 8:30 P.M. [redacted] collecting April dues. Dues paid by [redacted] \$1.00 - [redacted] \$1.00 plus .50 for his wife. [redacted] paid \$2.00 being one month behind. Initiation fee and dues was paid by a new member, [redacted] whom [redacted] said was accepted by the section. .50 for initiation fee and \$1.00 for dues. [redacted] also stated that the section was very happy to get the new member especially since she is the wife of [redacted]. It seems to her that a membership drive was on- this member being the third member accepted this year, while on the subject of money [redacted] informed Club members that this years fund drive was just starting. The goal for the State being \$100,000 which is to be divided as follows \$40,000 for N.Y. County. \$25,000 for the "Worker" the remainder to be split between the National and the State. From the County goes \$4,600 as salary for a full time employed Section Head. It seems that CHARLES DIRBA is that man. Quota for the upper East side Section is \$800.00. The County also using the money to open at least two more Headquarters one on Lower East side and one in lower Harlem Section and if possible one in Yorkville. The remainder of the evening was spent in trying to formulate a program on the Negro Question to be brought up at the coming Party Convention which will be in November. To make it easier on the Club members in the fund raising drive a picnic was suggested. This will be discussed further with the section. This picnic perhaps will be held in New Jersey at some early date in June.

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Money was collected for the coming May Day Celebration which will be held at Union Square Park on May 2nd, which is on a Saturday.

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Time, Type and Place of Meeting

The National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA met for the second day of sessions on Friday, April 24, 1959, in the National Headquarters of the Communist Party - USA, located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

Persons in Attendance

National Executive Committee Members

The following members of the National Executive Committee were in attendance on April 24, 1959:

BEN DAVIS	HY LUMER
EUGENE DENNIS	GEORGE MEYERS
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN	BURT NELSON
GUS HALL	IRVING POTASH
JAMES JACKSON	JACK STACHEL
ANTON KRCHMAREK	ROBERT THOMPSON
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT	CARL WINTER
MICKEY LIMA	

Invitees

The following invitees were also present at this meeting:

BILL ALBERTSON
PHIL BART
MORRIS CHILDS
ARNOLD JOHNSON

Report by ROBERT THOMPSON on What the Communist Party - USA Should Stress in the Pre-Convention Discussion

Speaking without an outline, ROBERT THOMPSON gave a rambling and disjointed report on what the Communist Party - USA should stress in the pre-Convention discussion. He stated that agreement was needed on the over-all problems facing the Communist Party. The purpose of the discussion should be to further consolidate the unity of the Party. We should also determine what issues the leadership should center attention on during the discussion. He offered the opinion that the National Executive

Committee should play a role of leadership in the pre-Convention discussion, but that it should also learn from the membership during the discussion.

Then THOMPSON said that it is his opinion that the Communist Party has emerged from one aspect of the internal crisis. The Communist Party now has the capacity to repel the revisionist danger and the ultra-Left danger. However, it remains to be seen whether or not the Party has the capacity to play a vital role in the trade union movement and to use Marxism-Leninism creatively in order to supply policy and tactics to the labor movement.

THOMPSON ventured the opinion that the Communist Party is beginning to do mass work. He said that the question to be answered is the following: Can the Communist Party implement its policies? In order to do that, the leadership has to mobilize the Party membership to discuss these policies during the pre-Convention period. He said that there is a danger of a certain complacency setting in. This complacency may be based on the belief that there is no danger from the Right since the removal of JOHN GATES and SID STEIN, and no danger from the Left since the ultra-Left continues to splinter. Therefore, there is nothing more to worry about in the Communist Party.

Then THOMPSON offered the idea that in the pre-Convention discussion the Communist Party should have a forward look. However, before entering the discussion, the Party needs to define the main problems before it and before the people, and then to spell out its role and its relation to the labor movement.

He said that the first task is to re-equip the Communist Party with a body of policy and tactics in order to raise the effectiveness of the Communist Party in the area of trade union work, in the Negro people's movement, among the youth, and in the field of political action.

Then THOMPSON said that it is necessary to re-establish the relationship between the leadership and the membership. There is a need for a new caliber of leadership in the Party. What is needed is a leadership which uses initiative and really leads; a leadership that is not a mere custodian of the Communist Party. This leadership would have to show quality and volume. THOMPSON said that there is a need for criticism and self-criticism. This leadership has to develop a capacity for it. However, while doing this, it cannot over-criticize the

Communist Party. The leadership will have to admit some mistakes but in admitting mistakes, it cannot do it in a partisan way.

THOMPSON indulged in some personal self-criticism concerning JOHN GATES. He said that when he was released from jail he criticized GATES in principle. However, he had a fondness for GATES and as a result of this he, in a sense, interfered with the action of the Communist Party against GATES.

Concerning mistakes of the Communist Party - USA, BOB THOMPSON stated that if he were to outline the mistakes of the Party, he would list four main mistakes committed by the Party, and these are: (1) Until recently, there has been no fighting defense for Communist Party ideology. Since the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU), the Communist Party - USA has been downgraded. (2) It was wrong to raise the slogan of a United Party of Socialism. There was no basis in United States reality for such a party. This slogan gave legitimacy to the revisionists. (3) The Communist Party made a mistake on the characterization of the main danger. While the Party now sees revisionism as the main danger, it was rather late in recognizing this. He suggested that in emphasizing the Right danger as the main danger now, it should not be done in a way to disarm the Party against the danger of Left sectarian moods which may prevail in some quarters. (4) The Communist Party committed some serious errors concerning democratic centralism. This was the outgrowth of the 16th National Convention. At this point, THOMPSON informed the National Executive Committee that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER had submitted a six-page letter on democratic centralism and had requested that it be presented to the National Committee.

Next THOMPSON stated that in order to have a full and creative pre-Convention discussion, the Party must end factionalism and must break up the [redacted] LANNON faction.

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Turning his attention to organization, THOMPSON stated that some features of a new style of work need to be initiated now. He said that the way the Party is presently organized, one would think that it still has 50,000 members. It has too many departments, commissions, etc. The Communist Party leadership is not keeping good hours. Communist Party offices should be opened evenings so the membership can talk to the leadership, if it so desires. In the National Office and in the District offices, a structure is needed whereby the leadership will be field organizers. The leadership should go into the field and deal with every problem.

THOMPSON went to the blackboard and wrote the figures "between 5½ and 6 thousand" as the current membership of the Communist Party - USA. There was some dispute about this figure. JACKSON said that when he was in Russia, he had used 9,000 as the current membership figure. THOMPSON finally conceded that he had used a conservative estimate based on dues payments, and that it might be possible to register a national membership somewhere between 7,000 and 9,000.

THOMPSON then stated that public appearances on the part of the leadership are necessary. He commented that BEN DAVIS, ARNOLD JOHNSON, and HY LUMER are doing this. In this manner, the Communist Party will fight through and break through to the people.

THOMPSON also talked about the need for refreshing the leadership. He said new forces should be drawn into the leadership at the next National Convention. He stated that it was correct to bring PHIL BART into the National Office to take his place in the organization field. There is nothing else that could be done. However, he asked what will happen in five years. He said BART does not solve that question. Therefore, there is a need for newer people in the leadership.

THOMPSON concluded by emphasizing that the branch or club of the Communist Party must be the basic working unit of the Party. The life and activity of the Communist Party must reside in the lower organizations.

When THOMPSON concluded, he said that he had a prior engagement and would return to the meeting in a couple of hours. It was decided to take up a couple of matters before proceeding with a discussion of THOMPSON's report.

Instructions of EUGENE DENNIS Concerning the
Presentation to the National Committee of the
Communist Party - USA Policy as a Result of
the 21st Congress of the CPSU

EUGENE DENNIS proposed the setting up of some committees to work on the Party program for the Convention. He said that these will be committees of the National Executive Committee. They will be announced to the National Committee, but the National Committee will not have to vote on them.

Then he asked how the discussion on the 21st Congress

of the CPSU should be conducted at the National Committee meeting the following day. He said that he thought that JAMES JACKSON should lead a discussion on the struggle for peace and the meaning of the 21st Congress of the CPSU for the United States. MORRIS CHILDS should lead a discussion showing how peaceful competition with the Socialist countries will not hurt the United States.

Using the blackboard, DENNIS wrote that the approach should be that what the Communist Party - USA will do should not flow from the 21st Congress of the CPSU, but from the objective situation in the United States. Everyone at this National Executive Committee meeting agreed with this approach.

Discussion of the Criticism of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN in an Article by BORIS PONOMAREV in the "Kommunist"

EUGENE DENNIS said that the National Office had received a letter from the Northern California District in regard to an article by BORIS PONOMAREV in the "Kommunist", in which WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is described as one who has joined the open camp of imperialism.

DENNIS informed the full National Executive Committee that during the previous week, the resident members of the National Executive Committee had endorsed an action of the Communist Party - USA delegation to the 21st Congress of the CPSU. He said that this delegation had asked the "Kommunist" to make a correction in regard to SCHNEIDERMAN. He also said that the resident members of the National Executive Committee had prepared a brief letter for the "Kommunist", and he asked the full National Executive Committee to endorse the action of JAMES JACKSON and "his associate" in this matter. DENNIS then read a few lines from this letter.

Remarks of MICKEY LIMA

MICKEY LIMA took exception to the National Executive Committee letter, since it contained a remark that BILL SCHNEIDERMAN is not in agreement with the line of the Communist Party - USA. LIMA said that he does not want to censure or characterize BILL SCHNEIDERMAN merely because SCHNEIDERMAN voted against the line of the National Committee. He said that if this procedure is followed, anyone who votes against a majority decision will be "labeled".

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

BEN DAVIS said he thought that the National Executive Committee should merely ask for a correction in the "Kommunist". He then launched into a tirade against SCHNEIDERMAN.

Remarks of IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH said that in the past, the "Daily Worker" has slandered individual leaders of the leadership of the Soviet Union. Yet, the CPSU never asked for a correction because one of its leaders was slandered. He said that while he favors asking that a correction be made in the "Kommunist", he does not think that it is necessary to make a big issue out of it.

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON and MORRIS CHILDS

JAMES JACKSON made a brief report concerning his actions in asking for a correction in the "Kommunist" while he was in Moscow. CHILDS verified what JACKSON had said. CHILDS also said that he had talked to a member of the Editorial Board of the "Kommunist", but did not name him. CHILDS said that this person admitted that in a previous article in the "Kommunist" regarding the Communist Party - USA, [redacted] had made a mistake in naming [redacted] and BILL SCHNEIDERMAN and admitted that the polemic should have been conducted without naming names.

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By way of comment, it is possible that CHILDS may have talked to BORIS PONOMAREV and that PONOMAREV was the person CHILDS referred to as a member of the Editorial Board of the "Kommunist".

Remarks of GUS HALL

GUS HALL said that in view of the fact that the Communist Party - USA delegation to the 21st Congress of the CPSU raised this issue, it will probably be corrected by the "Kommunist". He, therefore, suggested that this matter be dropped.

Endorsement of the Letter of the
Resident Members of the National
Executive Committee

MICKEY LIMA finally agreed to endorse the letter of the resident members of the National Executive Committee, which amounts to an endorsement of the action of the Communist Party - USA

delegation to the 21st Congress of the CPSU in which it called attention to the error in the "Kommunist" and asked for a correction. The National Executive Committee then adopted the letter of the Resident Board or resident members of the National Executive Committee.

Letter From WILLIAM Z. FOSTER with the
Caption, "Speech on Democratic Centralism
in the Communist Party - USA"

At this point, ARNOLD JOHNSON read a six-page letter from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. While the letter had a caption, "Speech on Democratic Centralism in the Communist Party - USA", it deals with every subject imaginable and is supposed to be a platform for the pre-Convention discussion.

This letter was so rambling, incoherent and provocative that apparently no one wanted to make a comment about it. Everyone sat silent for several minutes until BOB THOMPSON returned, and it was decided to start the discussion on THOMPSON's report.

It was agreed that while FOSTER wanted his letter presented to the National Committee on April 25 or 26, 1959, that the letter would open up the pre-Convention discussion and nothing else would be accomplished at the National Committee meeting. It was decided to prepare FOSTER's letter for publication and to distribute it to the National Committee members prior to the July, 1959, meeting of the National Committee, which will organize the pre-Convention discussion scheduled to start in August, 1959.

Discussion of ROBERT THOMPSON's Report on
What the Communist Party - USA Should Stress
in the Pre-Convention Discussion

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON

JAMES JACKSON said that BOB THOMPSON's report defines the lines of the pre-Convention discussion. He said that he agrees with the aims of the pre-Convention discussion as set forth by THOMPSON. He stated that there must not be a repetition of previous pre-Convention history. He said that he was amazed at the national membership figure given by THOMPSON.

Remarks of CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER said that he was of the opinion that they should guard against the Communist Party being dragged back to where it was a few years ago. It will be necessary to be careful about what is said about the Communist Party leadership in the pre-Convention discussion or the result might be mutual annihilation. He stated that political problems should not become personal problems. He said that the leadership should prepare now in order to prevent some people, under the guise of pre-Convention discussion, from riding the hobbyhorse of factionalism.

WINTER further stated that it is possible for the Communist Party to have a pre-Convention discussion which is perfectly correct in the abstract, but which would result in the annihilation of the Communist Party and its leadership. He said that whatever problems there are in the leadership, they should be considered as a collective burden.

WINTER closed his remarks with a warning that the Communist Party should not downgrade the 16th National Convention and treat it as though it will be replaced by the 17th National Convention. He pointed out that a convention is the highest authority in the Party. Its decisions are made by the delegates; therefore, you cannot charge that a convention was completely wrong. He urged that they tread lightly and carefully in criticizing the 16th National Convention.

Remarks of GUS HALL

GUS HALL stated that the next convention should be a forward-looking convention and must not be an inward-looking convention. The analysis and discussion should be based on the objective situation in the United States. He said that there should be unity in the evaluation of policy. Only under such conditions will the Communist Party move forward. He said that the Party cannot discard the 16th National Convention. Whatever changes will be made in the Communist Party line at the 17th National Convention should be made naturally.

HALL concluded with some remarks on criticism and self-criticism. He said that the Communist Party - USA has to learn to use criticism and self-criticism dialectically. It must not use the approach of psychoanalysis, which is very subjective. The leadership must set boundaries to criticism and self-criticism.

The leadership cannot let this run wild. Unless boundaries are set, the Party will give enemy agents sent into the Party a terrible weapon, which can result in the destruction of the Party cadre.

Remarks of IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH said that there is a need for unity of purpose which brooks no factionalism. This should be the central guide in the preparation for the convention. He warned that the rank-and-file does not organize factions, but leaders do. Usually the most backward and inactive people are attracted. If there is a factional approach to the 17th National Convention, it will destroy the Communist Party - USA.

POTASH said that whatever differences there are, they should be brought out into the open and discussed self-critically and within certain boundaries.

In conclusion, POTASH repeated his opening remarks, which is a paraphrasing of LENIN -- That is, that the leadership needs unity of purpose which brooks no factionalism.

Remarks of ARNOLD JOHNSON

ARNOLD JOHNSON said that he did not agree with CARL WINTER's formulation on the 16th National Convention. He said that the formulation is too tight. If the Communist Party is going to make corrections, it should point out what it is correcting. The Party will have to talk about the influence of the revisionists in the past and on the 16th National Convention.

In regard to safeguarding the leadership, there is more to it than mere collectivity. The leadership needs to build up trust and mutual confidence.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

After a few insignificant remarks by GEORGE MEYERS, BEN DAVIS said he thinks that the Communist Party needs a convention. In fact, he had been in favor of an earlier convention. He said he agrees that the Party needs unity, but unity in a dialectical sense. He said that the unity of the National Committee meeting of February, 1958, which ousted the revisionists, is insufficient today. He repeated the suggestions of ROBERT THOMPSON for a leadership which uses more initiative and talks to the masses.

Remarks of HY LUMER

HY LUMER said that there are dangers that the Communist Party will get into the wrong kind of a discussion and that it can review only the past and resort to factionalism. He said he would prohibit factional discussions.

Remarks of MICKEY LIMA

MICKEY LIMA said that while he agreed with the outlook of THOMPSON's report, he thought that THOMPSON did not stress the mass work of the Communist Party -- that is, looking outwardly.

Remarks of ANTON KRCHMAREK

KRCHMAREK warned that there is a terrible situation in the Communist Party because of the downgrading of the leadership. He said that some people foster a distrust in the leadership. He stated that they should be careful how they treat the leadership in the pre-Convention discussion. KRCHMAREK said that there has been a gap between the national leadership and the membership which is ten years old and dates back to the time the leaders went to jail or into the underground.

Remarks of BURT NELSON

BURT NELSON said he would propose that they organize a convention of Communist Party builders through mass workers and look outwardly to a greater extent.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

JACK STACHEL said that the Communist Party should discuss how to correct some of the decisions of the 16th National Convention, but should be careful in its discussion not to discard it. Also, the importance of the Communist Party should be emphasized because even active members have a tendency to underestimate the Communist Party because of its small number of members at this time. He said that perhaps the Party should review its contributions. Despite its size, it is a factor in the United States and is the only Marxist-Leninist party in the United States.

STACHEL then delved into some self-criticism. He said that he has made many mistakes in his Communist Party life. However, the biggest mistake he made was in regard to Hungary. He referred to a meeting of the staff of the "Daily Worker", in

which he did not fight hard enough against the policy of JOHN GATES in regard to Hungary. He said that while at this time he could not change the policy, he did not fight hard enough in his opposition to it. JACK STACHEL said that at that time he argued that if the Communist Party - USA did not come out in full support of Hungary, then the Party might be more acceptable to the American people. He described this as a tactical approach and thus a tactical error, rather than an error in principle.

STACHEL went on to the question of mass work. He said that the Communist Party should claim credit for some things which have been happening in the United States. He stated that the Communist Party can build only through mass work.

STACHEL challenged the statement of BEN DAVIS concerning the inadequacy of the unity in the leadership subsequent to the February, 1958, meeting of the National Committee. He asked DAVIS, Does this mean that you repel Communist Party members who go along with the Party even though they made mistakes in the past? Or, are you going to have the theory of permanent realignment and permanent revolution?

At this point, BEN DAVIS asked for the floor. DAVIS said that he did not mean what STACHEL implied. He did mean that the Party leadership had unity with individuals such as CHARLES LOMAN against the revisionists. DAVIS asked, Would you say that this unity is now adequate in view of LOMAN's current position?

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS said that he agreed with the positive note of THOMPSON's report, but would have to supplement it with the essence of most of the discussion at this meeting. He said that he agreed particularly with the views of GUS HALL.

DENNIS said that he can agree with BURT NELSON's slogan of Party builders through mass work, but what is needed is an over-all, united Communist Party to fight for peace, civil liberties, civil rights, and for a democratic front for jobs and an improvement in the economic situation. It is also necessary to spell out these things. These are the things the Communist Party is fighting for.

DENNIS said that in preparing for the pre-Convention discussion and in order to give a lead to the Party, he would urge

that they have a positive examination of the Communist Party's contribution to many struggles, particularly to the Youth March and the unemployment mobilization. He said that in some districts, the Communist Party has inspired a fight for FEPC legislation.

DENNIS admitted that some negative things would have to be brought out in the pre-Convention discussion. He stated, however, that the discussion should be so organized that the negative cannot overshadow the positive. He agreed with the comments of IRVING POTASH about factionalism and the danger it can do. He said that the need for eradication of factionalism would have to be raised at the National Committee meeting.

Continuing, DENNIS said that the unity of the National Executive Committee is most important. If the National Executive Committee is united, you unite the Communist Party. In preparing for the convention discussion, the leadership should examine the work of the Party in every important field. He said that this was not done prior to the 16th National Convention. DENNIS stated that he agreed with the ideas expressed at this meeting about the need for criticism and self-criticism.

Then DENNIS proposed that when BOB THOMPSON makes his report to the National Committee, he should keep in mind that this year is the 40th Anniversary of the Communist Party - USA. This is important because it proves the triumph of Marxism-Leninism in the United States. He said that he was opposed to a discussion of THOMPSON's report at the National Committee meeting. He stated that he felt that a document should be prepared so that it can be introduced at the July, 1959, meeting of the National Committee. He reminded the National Executive Committee that the pre-Convention discussion does not start until mid August, 1959.

Summary by ROBERT THOMPSON

In a summary of the discussion, BOB THOMPSON said that he is of the opinion that preparation for the National Convention should be taken up at the National Committee meeting the next day. He agreed that the question of mass work should be the chief center of the pre-Convention discussion. He stated, however, that the pre-Convention discussion will have to take up inner Party questions, a discussion of mistakes, and the discussion of the relationship of the leadership to the membership. THOMPSON said that he agreed with EUGENE DENNIS that the 40th Anniversary

of the Communist Party - USA should be utilized in order to stress Communist Party consciousness. He said that he also agrees that the unity of the National Executive Committee is most important and a prerequisite for unity is agreement on policy and more comradeship in the National Executive Committee. Members of the National Executive Committee should not be ready to chop off each others' heads after a debate. Then THOMPSON said that there will be strains in the National Executive Committee during the discussion. These stresses and strains will not be factional, if the National Executive Committee has a comradely approach.

Next THOMPSON said that the National Executive Committee should learn how to work with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. FOSTER is sick and isolated. It is necessary to be patient with FOSTER, since he can still make contributions to the Party. THOMPSON stated that he is not afraid of factionalism from the extremes; that is, the Right wing or the ultra-Left, but if it spreads to the Central leadership, the Party will have real problems.

In conclusion, THOMPSON said that he was leaving soon to return to jail and he wondered if he had made any contributions while in office. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT said that someone should say something about THOMPSON's contributions to the Party at the National Committee meeting, since he personally feels that BOB THOMPSON did a good job. LIGHTFOOT was immediately given this task and someone remarked that a few words of praise will be said for LIGHTFOOT when he goes to jail.

Agenda for the National Committee Meeting

EUGENE DENNIS said that they have a big agenda for the National Committee meeting. He proposed the following:

Saturday, April 25, 1959

Reports on the 21st Congress of the CPSU.

A report on the status of moving the headquarters to Chicago.

A short, informational report on the Trade Union Commission meeting being held on Friday evening, April 24, 1959.

A short, informational report on preparations for the National Convention.

Sunday, April 26, 1959

A report on the Youth March to Washington.

A report on youth matters and a possible youth organization.

HY LUMER protested that there should be a discussion on the pre-Convention discussion, but agreed that the agenda was too big. DENNIS said, Let the people who want a discussion on the pre-Convention discussion let us know how to do it.

It was finally agreed that the agenda would stand as announced by DENNIS. THOMPSON would make a report on the pre-Convention discussion. An effort would be made to discourage debate on it by saying that this is the approach of the National Executive Committee. Further, that the July, 1959, meeting of the National Committee would prepare for the pre-Convention discussion. It was further agreed that the agenda might be altered as a result of developments in the National Committee meeting, itself.

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On April 23, 1959, PHIL BART stated that he had been working in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA for approximately one week, but had been ill most of that time with an attack of the shingles. BART said that his wife, CONNIE, is now the Assistant Organization Secretary in Brooklyn. He stated that they have registered 250 members in Kings County thus far and may possibly reach 300 members. BART also said that he sees no current need for County Organizers in the New York District.

In talking about his own plans, BART said that for the time being he will, as National Organization Secretary, concentrate in the East -- that is, in the New York and Eastern Pennsylvania Districts -- before making any extended trips.

With regard to the Communist Party - USA, BART said that he sees some dangers ahead for the Party in regard to the tax case against the Party by the Internal Revenue Service. He also stated that he is worried stiff about the possible Supreme Court decision in the Smith Act case of JUNIUS SCALES. He explained that his apprehension is brought about by the change in the composition of the United States Supreme Court, and that a decision adverse to the Communist Party in the SCALES case would revive all the "membership" cases under the Smith Act.

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On 4/29/59, [redacted] dictated eight Dictabelts in the presence of SA RUSSEL HORNER of Newark and SA JOHN A. HAAG of NYO. These Dictabelts contained a statement of the April 25, 26, 1959, meeting of the CP, USA National Committee and a collateral meeting of the CP, USA Trade Union Committee.

These Dictabelts were transcribed by NYO typist [redacted] on 5/4 & 5/59 and the resultant statement authenticated by [redacted] on 5/6/59. (Location [redacted])

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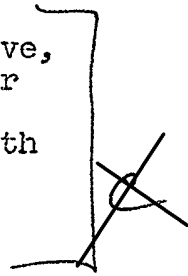
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April 29, 1959

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

On 4/25,26/59, a meeting of the National Committee of the CP, USA, was held at Adelphi Hall, NYC. Those present were:

Mickey Lima

[REDACTED]

Al Richmond

Tom Nabried

Pettis Perry

Si Gerson

Dorothy Healey

Pat Toohy

Ben Dobbs

Homer Chase

John Hellman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ben Davis

Clarence Sharp

Hy Lumer

Flo Hall

Jack Stachel

[REDACTED]

Gene Dennis

Robert Thompson (4/26/59 only)

Claude Lightfoot

Charles Loman

Carl Winter

[REDACTED]

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Molly West

William Weinstone

Anton Krehmarek

Jesus Colon

Steven Nelson (4/26/59 only)

Louis Weinstock

Bert Nelson

Irving Potash

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Gus Hall

Jack Shulman

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

[redacted]

[redacted]

James Jackson

[redacted]

Manny Blum

Youth representative, originally from Michigan, now from NYC

George Meyers

[redacted]

Abner Green

Youth representative

Lottie Gordon (4/25/59 only)

White, male, 18, crew cut, Youth representative

Lou Moroze (4/25/59 only)

Joe Brandt

William Patterson

Herbert Aptheker

[redacted]

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Phil Bart

Mike Davidow

William Albertson

[redacted]

Morris Childs

Charles Dirba

[redacted]

Eric Burt

Lem Harris

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A series of meetings of the National Leadership of the Communist Party was held between April 24th - 27th, inclusive in New York City. On Friday afternoon, April 24th, the National Executive Committee met for about four hours. The purpose of this meeting was to prepare a number of pending proposals for presentation to the whole National Committee scheduled to meet the ensuing two following days. On the evening of April 24th, a four hour session was held consisting mainly of National Committee members and dealing with trade union and labor questions particularly the interests of the Party with respect to the present negotiations and possible forthcoming strike in the steel industry. On Saturday, April 25th, the full National Committee met from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. The National Committee also met on Sunday, April 26th from 10 a.m. until about 8 pm. On April 27th, a number of conferences and committees had extended sessions in the offices of the Party. At 11 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m., there was a conference on Civil Liberties and questions concerning Party security. From 3 p.m. until 6 p.m., another body of NC members had a meeting of the Program Committee. This report hopes to be a general review of the discussions and decisions of this group of meetings. One subject may run into another and one subject may start at one meeting and find completion at another. On

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the basis of the four days discussions and various gatherings, it is possible to say that the internal situation within the Party and its leadership reflects a substantial and important change. It is possible to state that the former internal struggle revolving between the right wing revisionist group and the pro-Moscow contingent within the Party is substantially over and henceforth a new condition and alignment of forces is quite possible. It was obvious in these meetings that the former right wing and the proponents of an extreme ultra-left course have been completely defeated organizationally in the Party. It is possible to say that the present National set-up has consolidated its political and organizational position, sits tall in the saddle of authority and command, and takes comfort in the knowledge that it is recognized and supported by the international Communist movement, and particularly finds favor in the eyes of the Russian Party.

It was possible to observe that the remnants of the right wing opposition such as HEALY, RICHMOND, DOEBS, GERSON and others came into this meeting without a separate or independent view for a program of any kind, and throughout the meeting in one form or another, gave indication that they are prepared to accommodate themselves to the present

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situation. It appears as if they have decided to remain in the Party, not to follow their former supporters, and to convince themselves that there are influences and atmospheres now obtaining within the Party, which it makes it possible for them to cooperate and conduct their views on a different basis than that of an outright hostile opposition. Therefore, my conclusion is that the national leadership has achieved a political scuttling of the main forces around the opposition, has substantially consolidated its position and authority, and that from here on out the whole formation, points of argument and program, will be abandoned and a different type of alignment and relationship may be expected to eventuate.

The foregoing will explain, therefore, why the four day sessions were relatively peaceful and externally constructive and devoid of former political wrangles, excepting, of course, here and there, a small reflection which had no particular political significance. It is possible to say that henceforth the national leadership and Party as a whole will find itself in a more positive condition to be able to carry out its aims and plans. Unlike in the past where there existed extensive internal turmoil and disruption, the outlook is now for a

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more consolidated reunified cadre and ability to undertake and execute decisions and resolutions taken by the Party. One can also say that from here on out there will be an obvious tightening up and better conditions for starting and carrying forward the many plans of work which up till now have foundered on rocks because of the disrupted internal situation and conflict over basic policy. All remaining personalities of the former opposition played no hostile or uncooperative role in these many meetings, but gave all indications that they are ready to collaborate and will collaborate unless the national leadership adopts a vindictive rubbing of the face in dirt attitude which will defeat their own purpose. That the present strength of the Party is extremely weak and that many scars remain as a result of the internal struggle but also obviously realize that this condition is about at an end and that they are now able to proceed on a more positive basis and with more favorable internal and organizational circumstance.

At one point in the meeting, of the National Committee, STACHEL stated that everyone knows the Party has "less than one third of the previous 18,000 members we said we had at the time of the last National Convention" and argued that

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we can quickly retrieve a lot of our previous strength and position because of the very favorable situation we face now within the Party.

Apparently the leadership decided to make this National Committee gathering something of a mobilizing instrument. Hitherto meetings of the National Committee have been fairly restricted and an invitation to a non-member to attend was considered quite important recognition on the part of the person's status. As the list of persons attending will show, a large number of additional persons were invited into this meeting, some to actually participate. The names will show that the type of these invited persons are mainly the old hard-boiled and devoted core around the Party. It is also a definite measure to enlarge the base of support of the present National leadership which apparently felt that the criticisms constantly leveled against it of creating a small elite type of leadership had some basis to it. Also, it may be judged that the list of invited people are types of those persons whom the leadership has in mind to bring into the leadership or more responsible parts of it in the immediate future.

The meeting of the National Committee on April 25th and 26th was arranged mechanically and in an organizational way

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with the lack of preparation and carefullness that would result in a lot of work being done. Like many previous meetings, the agenda and organizational schedule of the meeting was so sloppily planned that again it created considerable anger and criticism from many of the people attending. If this report will indicate the lack of definite action and specific decision, it merely reflects the unplanned and disorganized arrangements for the meeting itself. DENNIS opened the meeting of the National Committee, stated that the NEC had had a meeting the day before and a meeting five or six weeks earlier and wished to present to the full National Committee a suggested agenda for consideration. He proposed that the first full day of the meeting be devoted to hearing a report by JAMES JACKSON and supplementary remarks by [redacted] and MORRIS CHILDS, on the resolutions and decisions of the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. In his weary and unclear way of speaking, he indicated that around these reports the meeting would have the broad opportunity of reviewing and discussing the world political situation, the war danger, the role of the Socialist nations, the exploding situation in the colonial countries and a number of new theoretical propositions emanating from the report of KHRUSHCHEV to the 21st Congress.

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Second, he proposed the meeting discuss what he called the approach of the NEC to the forthcoming National Party Convention.

Third, to consider the proposal of the NEC regarding the long delayed question of moving the Party National Headquarters to Chicago.

Fourth, to hear an informational report on the negotiations in the steel industry and the report of the trade union conference held the previous Friday evening under the chairmanship of IRVING POTASH.

He proposed that all these subjects be dealt with Saturday and a special evening session Saturday evening. For Sunday, he said the NEC proposed the full day be devoted to a report on the youth question on the results of the youth march for integration to Washington and the work of the Party in relation thereto. There was considerable question among various delegates as to the ambitiousness of this agenda and whether it should not be trimmed down and the meeting concentrate upon one or two really important matters which thereupon can relate to National Party policy. Eventually this agenda was adopted.

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Then DENNIS proceeded to recommend to the meeting on behalf of the NEC an unusual measure that the chairman of the first session of the meeting be BERT NELSON of Seattle. A question or two was raised as to why does the NEC feel its duty to deal in such minor matters as recommending the smallest detail as to who should be chairman of the full meeting and whether the full meeting itself could not resolve such a simple question. Behind these inquiries obviously was the feeling that the small NEC is abrogating to itself not only all major questions of policy but also the smallest organizational detail to the extent where the full National Committee becomes something of an unnecessary thing all together. This little incident is only indicative of the way DENNIS acts. He seems to at every opportunity pushing into whatever possible prominence he can BERT NELSON and one or two more like him. The entire method irritates a lot of people because they look upon it as an obvious method of DENNIS to create around himself a little core of absolute supporters. The incident left a bad taste which DENNIS himself recognized but no one wished to pursue the matter further and NELSON was selected as chairman under such distasteful circumstances. DENNIS did not pursue this in the

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following sessions where the election of chairman was left to the body as a whole.

DENNIS also proposed that at the outset the National Committee send greetings to FOSTER and special greetings to GIL GREEN and HENRY WINSTON in prison. No objection was made to these proposals.

The report submitted by JACKSON by MORRIS and by CHILDS which took up practically all of the day was the greatest disappointment to the full meeting. JACKSON spoke from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. CHILDS spoke about 45 minutes. The near four hours of this subject presented by the two speakers became a tremendous disappointment from what had been expected would be the report and the subject. Instead of a policy report and establishing the basis for a considerable political discussion of Party theoretical problems and a review of the problems . . . in the present world situation, these reports became nothing more or less than a lecture on the Soviet Union and a repetition practically word for word of the KHRUSHCHEV report in how the Soviet Union is undertaking its seven year plan. It dealt with subjects of housing and factory construction, figures on agriculture and was the type of speech of an educational

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character which Party speakers could make on any street corner or in the form of a lecture to any group or put down on paper in the form of agitational articles for any Party newspaper. The promised subjects of this report did not materialize. Before [] turn to speak arrived, HEALY rose to ask a question, why did the NEC think it necessary to convene the whole National Committee for a full day just to hear an inspirational report on the Soviet Union which could be read in any newspaper or Party magazine. Other members raised questions whether the time of the meeting was not entirely misplaced and whether the agenda was going to result in any substantial good. After considerable wrangling, it was decided not to embarrass [] but let him proceed with his report. He opened his remarks by saying he felt like he was "on the spot" but that it was not his fault. He proceeded to speak along the same lines as JACKSON and CHILDS. CHILDS, incidentally did not say anything, but made a type of speech of a vague and wandering sort which had people in the room looking at each other in amazement. Some corridor queries were heard also as to how CHILDS happened to get to the 21st Congress, who sent him, and what particular qualifications did he have in order to be so

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designated. Suffice to say from 11 o'clock until approximately 5 with lunch in between, the meeting was totally wasted with these three speeches which missed the mark of their announced purpose, which were of an educational and propangandist nature and are of a kind which will appear in the form of articles in the Party press. On their conclusion, the general attitude was, what is there to discuss? Snide notes were being passed between people in the meeting asking each other, "are you in favor of the superiority of socialism over capitalism?" Speakers had no handle to take the floor unless they got up and also gave hurrah for the Soviet Union type of speeches which was not what was called for. The result was there was no discussion as a policy discussion is understood. Instead, the meeting went into a wrangle of what to do with the so-called reports, since first, the contents of the reports were amiss from the announced intention and, secondly, because they had utilized the whole day so that now no time remained for a discussion even if one was desired.

It was decided at this point to forego the subject and to proceed with other matters. At this point, the agenda earlier decided upon was changed, as it usually is. It was

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changed to provide an evening session which would commence to go into some of the other subjects in view of the feeling that the next day would allow insufficient time to take care of them all.

At this point, THOMPSON came into the meeting for the first time. It had been announced he would be unable to participate in the National Committee meeting due to undergoing medical examination the first day to determine if surgery on his head was required and also, because he is expecting to surrender about Wednesday of the coming week in view of his appeal to the United States Supreme Court being rejected. Uncertain if THOMPSON could be at the session on the following day, the agenda was rearranged to hear him at this point, late on Saturday afternoon. THOMPSON addressed the session for perhaps twenty minutes. One could gather from his remarks that it was in the form of a swan song. The tenor of his remarks was along the line of how he saw the problems of the Party at the present time and what major lines of activity and policy it should pursue. He briefly reviewed the period of the past year, that is since February, 1958, when the National Committee adopted its resolution which

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scuttled the right wing. He drew a picture of slow, steady but persistent consolidation occurring in the Party while arriving at a clarification of basic policy and the road which the Party should follow. He saw that the conditions of the Party today are considerably improved though it is very weak, over the period of the recent past. He drew an estimate that the political climate of the Party is vastly improved, inferring here that the antagonistic groups and ideologies had been effectively dispersed although remnants of their influence and views continued to remain. He thought that in the past months, the Party had achieved a certain organizational stability despite the presence of many difficult conditions, such as the internal wreckage, lack of funds, dispersal of cadres and the continuation of a certain harassment by the government and enemies of the Party. He went on to give his opinions as to the main tasks the Party now faces. He summarized these as being, the speedy conclusion of clearing up the internal impediments, the arriving at full ideological and political unity in terms of policy, the necessity of consolidating and unifying the leadership on a national, state and local basis, and applying the attention of the Party full scale to

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the present and forthcoming struggles of labor among the youth in the Civil Rights struggle and among the Negro people and other such campaigns. He foresaw that between now and the forthcoming National Party Convention in October, that we were faced with exceptional opportunity for Party consolidation, recruiting and generally strengthening our organizational set-up. He thanked the people for their help and contribution, stated he was uncertain and a little dubious as to his own further participation due to his personal illness and legal difficulties, and concluded with an expression of confidence that the Party is now well on its way to more substantial achievements than any time in the past. Of course, his remarks called for responding comments which were rendered by STACHEL, LIGHTFOOT and several others. The atmosphere and tone was that of a good-bye, although it was not expressly stated. If this is so, no indication was rendered at the meeting as to his replacement as National Organizational Secretary. Many people thought that with GUS HALL now appearing for open activity that GUS would be the logical choice. However, later in the meeting, HALL was given

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a different assignment which will take him to Chicago. In the meantime, PHIL BART, who has been absent from all activities since the National Convention in February, 1957, has been drawn back in and is now assigned to work in the National Headquarters. Apparently, he will be an assistant or aide on the organizational work, under whom has not yet been determined or discussed, at least semi-publicly.

The evening session of the National Committee on Saturday, April 25th, dealt with two questions. The subject was the NEC proposals for preparing for the convention and on moving to Chicago. On the convention, the proposals which have been hitherto reported, were presented to the meeting for discussion and adoption. Briefly, they authorize the NEC to create a series of subcommittees which will commence work now and present material on the subjects they are to deal with to the July meeting of the National Committee. These subcommittees are to be (one) preparing a report of the NEC to the National Convention to embrace a report of stewardship since the past convention and which will include a review of all policy questions from the time of that convention until present. (Second), a subcommittee to commence preparation of the main political resolution to be presented for discussion

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in the Party and to the convention. The subcommittees on the constitution, trade union work, personnel, appeals, youth and number of other subjects. The idea is for these committees to assemble, prepare and screen materials relating to their subjects for presentation to the July National Committee meeting which will then constitute provisional convention committees, hand this material to such committees and in the case of the first two documents to advance it before the entire Party for a sixty to ninety day discussion. These proposals were adopted without much discussion. The NEC did not announce if it had established these subcommittees already or whether it would do so later. In any case, the subcommittees will be working on their designated subject and the next we will hear of them will be in July.

The second subject dealt with at the evening session was that of moving to Chicago. STACHEL presented the subject on behalf of the NEC. The subject had been discussed the day before in the NEC as well as five or six weeks earlier when the NEC decided by a close majority vote to recommend to the National Committee meeting that the headquarters remain in New York. This subject received very little response from

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the meeting. It was quite clear that even if one still favored observing the decision of the convention to do so that after two and one half years the conditions created are such that it is almost impossible to do so. STACHEL mobilized all the argumentation against the idea of moving which is already known. He stated that he, himself, was always in favor of the move but that he like many others had come to the realization for the reasons already known and expressed in a document submitted sometime ago that the present difficulties are almost insuperable. He said he or none others quarrelled with the assumptions which motivated the convention adopting a unanimous decision to move, that he agreed Chicago as a locale was more preferable than New York, and he did not dispute the wisdom of the convention decision, but that on account of financial difficulties, and on account of legal restrictions which confined many members to court jurisdictions in the east, and due to the present general weakness of the Party, that it is now practically impossible to conform to the convention decision. He argued that the Party today has about 6,000 members and that probably 75 per cent of this figure is located at distant poles in the country. Half in New York and half in California, with a sparse scattering in

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between. He argued that to now place the Party in Chicago- while politically correct would isolate it away from the base of any part of its real membership. In other words, he gave lip service to the wisdom of the convention action, but in reality, heavily argued against the reasoning altogether. No one felt like arguing the point any further because the FOSTER-DAVIS elements who had consistently blockaded this subject for over two years won their point by a policy of simple blockading . When the vote was taken on STACHEL's report for the NEC and only several speakers like LIGHTFOOT, [] discussed it, the vote was unanimous to accept the report except for [] and HALL who voted against, and five or six abstentions which were comprised of the former right wing group as HEALY, LIMA, RICHMOND and NELSON. Consequently, the Party will stay in New York and the National Convention in October will hear an alibi report as to why its previous decision was not executed and why it is impossible to do so even now.

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Something of a little flurry occurred Saturday evening as the National Committee meeting was about to adjourn. MOLLY WEST of Chicago rose and on a question of personal information desired to know if the National Committee

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was going in any way to hear a report^{or} deal with or discuss the recent question and case surrounding CHARLES LOMAN. This created something of a flurry among DENNIS, DAVIS and the others obviously had no intention of having the matter brought before the meeting. It was indicated that agenda was full but that if there was time the next day the NEC would have a meeting and decide to put it on the agenda, but the NEC had no such intention. STACHEL was heard to say to another member that the comrades do not want the subject on the floor at all, for if it arises the whole story will have to be told, such as LOMAN's trip to the Soviet Union, the fact that "they" sent him back, the fact that if it rose in such a large public meeting, that LOMAN surely would result in being expelled. He was heard to say that LOMAN has not "mended his ways," and that the relationships with LOMAN still remain pretty delicate, but that if the issue comes before the full meeting it will have to be decisively handled once and for all. When MOLLY WEST raised the matter, LOMAN took the floor and demanded to know if the case would be brought before the full meeting and if so he desired to be heard at length. It was at this point that DENNIS or STACHEL evaded the issue by promising

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a ruling by the NEC to place it for discussion if time allowed. Of course, that was the last heard of it. It did not arise the following day, nor was there further reference to it. Some comment was heard that a private meeting had been held of LOMAN with several of the National Office staff who told him frankly that if he pressed the issue to have the case brought before the meeting that he would wind up immediately expelled. Perhaps this is the reason why he too kept quiet the following day. Thus, nothing further was heard of the LOMAN matter.

On Sunday, April 26th, the National Committee reconvened. Not as many of the invited visitors were present at this session as the day before. In accordance with the agenda, the meeting was now to consider two reports on the youth question. One by [redacted] who was to read a statement to be later issued by the Party, which estimated and analyzed the recent youth march for integration to Washington. Second, the presentation of a report by HY LUMER which was a repetition of the report earlier considered by the NEC and a copy of which is attached hereto. [redacted] was not present at the meeting, nor was he present the day before. LUMER doubled in presenting the

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[redacted] report and his own. No quotation is given from the statement presented by [redacted] as it is a public document and, therefore, available. LUMER proceeded to give his report which lasted over an hour. Its content did not materially depart or differ from the outline which is hereto attached. Only now and then in an extemporaneous way did he depart from this basic text. The text of this report will also be polished up and made available in a few days. For that reason, no extensive quotations of this report are made. Also because it did not differ much from the previous report made to the NEC. of which.

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Discussion commenced upon these two reports. These two reports in a certain sense dealt with conflicting subjects. As a result the ensuing discussion was of a conflicting nature. If one wished to discuss the emerging youth movement and Communist Party policy thereto he would address himself to the LUMER report. If he wished to discuss the experiences of the Party in relation to the March for Integration he had to discuss the other report. The thing tended to become something of a mish-mash. Eventually, however, the main emphasis of the discussion veered toward the matters raised in

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the LUMER report. Included among the speakers in the discussion on this report were BEN DAVIS, [REDACTED] HEALEY, ALBERTSON, STACHEL, DOBBS, WEINSTOCK, PERRY, HELLMAN, LIGHTFOOT, NABRIED, GERSON and the three young people invited to the meeting [REDACTED] formerly of Michigan, now located in New York, [REDACTED] and the third one unidentified. No controversy was exhibited around these two reports. It took on the aspect of a so-called constructive proposition. The three youth speakers were apparently representative of the groupings active in the youth field to which reference is made in LUMER report as reflecting differences among these youth groups. [REDACTED] spoke and the tenor of their remarks allowed one to believe they were representatives of the youth groupings characterized by the LUMER report as influenced by ultra-leftism, sectarianism, smearing of the Party and Party leadership. If so, it would appear these groups have had considerable pressure among them or attention paid to them because the tenor of their remarks were that they had erred, had made mistakes but did so indeliberately and any mistakes on their part were because of being left alone, unguided and without help from the Party; -that their total interest was in striving to help bring into being

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a Marxist-Leninist youth organization as soon as possible. These youth speakers, however, continued to express skepticism and open doubt as to the proposals of the LUMER report. They considered these proposals ambiguous, in need of a great clarification and stated that frankly, they did not understand what many of them meant. The burden of most of the discussion around this point was as to what type of broad youth organization should the Communist Party support and help bring into being. All speakers, including, of course, the so-called left, supported the conclusions of the LUMER report.

At the end of this discussion the propositions appearing on page seven of the LUMER report were unanimously adopted, but in the middle of this discussion of the LUMER and [] reports the ^{discussion} was suspended and deferred for nearly an hour. DENNIS rose to make a few remarks to the meeting welcoming back to full participation in the work the long absent GUS HALL. DENNIS tried to make something of an inspirational talk which for him is quite an exertion, and tried to generate a spirit and feeling of enthusiasm before presenting HALL for some remarks. It should be noted that HALL is one of the most personally popular persons in the

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top leadership, and has a wide following and respect. Many people have been awaiting his return in the hope that he would provide some fill-in for the present vacuum in the national leadership. Many were interested in the views he would express. He was alleged to have had until recent the attitude of middle-of-the-roadism, an attitude critical of the DENNIS-DAVIS leadership, but hostile to that of the right wing. It may be that he still reflects this view. DENNIS introduced him for a little speech. HALL spoke nearly a half hour and from his remarks it could be gathered that he is completely for the Party, hostile to the right wing, critical of many of the mistakes made by the Party, but confident that a united leadership can evolve and lead the Party to a rehabilitation. In his remarks he vaguely developed a line of reasoning that bitterness should be eradicated, that an atmosphere should be worked for which would result in welding together comrades who are now antagonistic to each other and divided. These remarks were construed as appealing to the elements of the former right wing to join up, forget their past and work together on a new basis. It may be said that these remarks had such a precise effect and were so responded to by HEALEY, RICHMOND and others. Whether they

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look upon HALL as the possible magnet to surround as a counter-weight to that of DENNIS and DAVIS may be in their minds. HALL's speech was very enthusiastically received and thenceforth considerable references were made to it in other speeches and privately. He created the picture of the appearance of a firm, strong and effective person who stands above much of the nastiness and unnecessary bitterness of recent, and possibly can be the person to help weld a better situation inside the Party. Whether this will materialize remains to be seen but obviously such was the impression created in the minds of quite a few people at the meeting and it may also explain why HALL will not be assigned to work in the central headquarters, but in Chicago or in the mid-West away from the National Office.

When HALL finished, DENNIS rose to present a proposal from the NEC. It was that HALL be elected as a secretary of the National Committee to be assigned in charge of one of the important departments of the National Committee unannounced, that HALL be assigned in charge of the mid-West Bureau of the National Committee and function by giving leadership to the group of mid-west states, but also being closely in touch with and working with the set-up

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in New York. This was unanimously adopted.

The last thing before the meeting was the report of IRVING POTASH on the trade union conference held the previous Friday evening. This report was to be considered an informational report, not to be discussed but as a general line of thinking on the part of the leadership on this question. On the Friday evening of 24th, a conference was held in the National Office and preceded the meeting of the National Committee. This conference was intended as a national trade union gathering to discuss and formulate some policy in this field. The agenda of this meeting was the present state of negotiations in the steel industry and the Party's tasks in light of a possible national steel strike. Second, the national unemployment situation and the follow up of the recent unemployment march in Washington. The third subject was to be a review of the decisions of the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting held recently in Puerto Rico, and to determine Party attitude and tasks flowing from that situation. The second and third subjects were not gotten to due to the time spent on the first subject and the lateness of the hour.

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Attending this ^{T. U.} meeting were nearly all members of the NEC plus a number of National Committee members who are not on the NEC and several invited people like MIKE DAVIDOW, [REDACTED], ALBERTSON and one or two more.

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About thirty people attended this session. It opened with an extensive general review of the situation in the steel industry and the status of the steel negotiations. The conflicting demands of management and the proposals of the steel union, a supposed review of the feeling among steel workers in the shops and various steel centers. A discussion of the nature of the demands being presented by the union and the demands desired by the membership and similar topics. The burden of the report made by KRACHMARKE of Ohio was that there is every likelihood of a long strike occurring in the steel industry; that the strike will be greatly disadvantageous to the workers and the union; that the strike is being propelled by management; that management desires a three or two month strike because of its present high inventory of steel which it wishes to dispose of without being obliged at the same time to keep the mills running; that a long strike will only serve to deplete the employers' inventory

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but will also weaken and deplete and create hardship among the workers; that the steel union under [] is not taking the required preparations in face of the obvious strategy of the company; that the steel leadership has so far taken no actual preparations to prepare the steel workers for a long seige nor has it taken any effective measures to defeat the obvious objective of the steel corporations in weakening the union and creating several months hardships in order to dispose of their inventory. He said that a survey among steel workers in many centers and reports by Party members as to the thoughts and opinions of steel workers show that they are cold to the issues which [] and the union negotiating committee are presenting as major issues for settlement at this time. He said the workers are much less concerned with wage demands than the issues which [] is pressing, as they are with the question of job security and protective measures against the onrush of automation, that the greatest feeling among steel workers is not for a few cents more on the day's pay, but the assurance of whether they will have a job before long and effective measures to curtail the vicious speed-up. He said the union leadership appears to be oblivious to the actual

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needs and desires of the steel workers and that it is the task of the Party in the steel industry to the extent we can and in a way as will not antagonize workers that the Party is trying to supplant their union, to popularize and bring forward these kind of questions in order to create a better understanding of the dangers involved and what the workers must do first to protect their union and their conditions. Secondly, to impress their view upon the leadership so that this leadership will carry out what it should be doing. On the basis of his remarks, an early evening discussion took place in many ways very general and wandering as to how the Party could re-establish itself among steel workers; how it could influence the character of the present negotiations; how it could take steps to "unleash the militancy of the workers" in face of the probable on-coming strike which might hurt the union. The discussion in which almost everyone present participated demonstrated the outstanding weakness of the Party in the steel industry and an inability to put into effect what it might decide as necessary. This fact made the discussion throughout the evening quite unproductive and vague. Most everyone kept talking about what ought to be done, what has

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to be done but came up against the hard reality that except for a few connections in Ohio, several rank and file contacts in Gary, and two or three in the east, particularly around Buffalo, that the Party has no mechanism or ability to do much about what it thinks should be done. I mentioned this to explain the gap between the flood of oratory taken all evening and the scarcity of decisions taken at the end of the meeting.

The summarized conclusions of this meeting were that POTASH should make a general informational report to the National Committee. That he should indicate the Party should consider the situation in the steel industry as a major concentration talk and interest. That ... POTASH should convey to the meeting the analysis and estimate arrived at by the discussion of this trade union conference and call upon the Party to pay the closest attention in all districts to the on-coming steel struggle, the need of immediate re-establishing Party connection on a local basis and the application of various measures to have the workers present their opinions and grievances to the national leadership so that this leadership would be concerned with the actual wants of the steel workers, such as job security, speed-up,

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etcetera, and not of emphasizing unimportant questions at this time. It was emphasized that the Party in all districts make an immediate and urgent effort to draw together, reach all former contacts, in an effort to have these persons and groups united to reflect the Party view and carry it among steel workers. It was said by POTASH that the recently issued national leaflet by the Party on the steel situation received a generally favorable response wherever it had been distributed and that we should now issue another folder on a national scale. He also proposed that the Party National Committee prepare to issue a statement for national distribution on the basis of the present situation in the steel industry, calling attention to the forthcoming strike and the need of the entire labor and progressive movement to rally in concrete support of this strike, something, he said, which is not being done at this time. These were about all the proposals that emanated from the five hour discussion. These were the proposals which POTASH incorporated in his informational report to the National Committee. The informational report reviewed matters pretty much as has been reported here. There was no discussion on the POTASH report and his proposals were

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accepted by the meeting.

This completed the work of the National Committee meeting, vague and general as it had been and after a few announcements had been made the meeting adjourned. There was considerable feeling expressed in corridors and over coffee cups that, productively and qualitatively, the meeting had failed considerably to achieve anything outstanding. It was looked upon by quite a number of members as a routine and mechanical meeting devoid of real content and hardly inspiring. There was considerable criticism over the way the meeting had been planned to advance a lot of minor and nonessential matters and to neglect the urgent consideration of a number of important issues which bedeviled the Party. Among the neglected issues which were on the mind of many people, was the question of the forthcoming convention and what it hopes to achieve. Secondly, the obvious reappearance of legal and governmental pressures against the Party. Third, the Berlin crisis and the tightening international situation. These were some of the subjects mentioned by a number of people to each other which received no consideration. To amend somewhat, the wash-out of the National Committee meeting and its failure to approach and tackle some of these questions

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the members were abjured to stay around for the following day in order to participate in a number of conferences which would deal with some of the specific questions.

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On 4/24/59, a meeting of the Trade Union Committee of the CP, USA, was held at CP, USA, headquarters, NYC. Those present were:

Mickey Lima

Gene Dennis

Dorothy Healey

Jack Stachel

Ben Dobbs

Louis Weinstock

John Hellman

Irving Potash



Gus Hall



Claude Lightfoot

Manny Elum

Carl Winter

George Meyers

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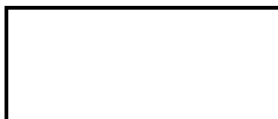


Mike Davidow

Anton Krcmarek

William Albertson

Bert Nelson



Tom Nabried

Pat Toohey

Arnold Johnson

Homer Chase



Hy Lumer

The proceedings of this meeting are reported above in the informant's statement of the 4/25,26/59 CP,USA National Committee meeting for reasons of clarity.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a report on youth by HY LUMER, which report is referred to in the above statement of the informant. One copy is enclosed for CP,USA - Organization and one for CP,USA - Youth Matters.

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